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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Negative Speech

FOR the most part, Mr. Malenkov's policy speech to the Soviet Council of Nationalities was a tedious repetition of what the world has heard during past months from Mr. Molotov and Mr. Vyshinsky, and was, therefore, not particularly enlightening. The Russian Premier said nothing to suggest that the Kremlin was ready to make any new approach to the chronic political problems which afflict the world and which divide the East and West. So far as Mr. Malenkov is concerned there is still only one way of ensuring the peace and security of Europe—scrapping EDC, with its concomitant West European army, including German divisions, and replacing it with a security pact, the primary conditions for which would be laid down by Russia. This is old stuff—a mixture of propaganda and pacification. It was expounded at the Berlin conference by Mr. Molotov with all the naivety which that accomplished diplomat commands, and the proposal was given due consideration by the foreign ministers of Britain, France and the United States. It was rejected because it failed to approximate a quid pro quo or to guarantee safeguards for any part of Europe other than that dominated by Russia and her satellites. And although similar overtures have now come from an even higher level, they are offered in the same "take it or leave it" tone, which makes them unacceptable even as a basis for further discussion. Thus, to the free world, patiently hoping for an encouraging sign from the Kremlin of a genuine desire to compose international differences, Mr. Malenkov's speech must be regarded as a big disappointment.

It has long been contended by diplomatic observers that speeches made by Russian leaders to the Soviet Parliament are primarily intended for internal consumption, but on Monday Mr. Malenkov clearly had in mind an international audience. It is a pity his speech did not live up to the opportunity of the moment. For what in the world to think about such platitudes as, "It is clear to everyone that it is impossible to achieve a further lessening of international tension if a normalisation of relations between the great powers is secured," or "The Soviet Government stood and stands on the conditions that the Capitalist and Socialist systems may fully and peacefully co-exist and economically co-operate between themselves," or even "We have no desire to isolate the United States from Europe?" That sort of stuff can rank only as verbiage. It offers nothing concrete. There is no suggestion that Russia should make any concessions in her international policies. Mr. Malenkov believes that the free world and Communism can live side by side, provided, of course, Communism—social, political or militant—is left unimpeded to promote its international designs. Mr. Malenkov deplores there is no lessening of world tension, but says nothing himself calculated to contribute to that desirable aim. If Mr. Malenkov's speech is intended to set the keynote for the Communist delegations at the Geneva conference, a repetition of the barren Berlin interlude would appear to be inevitable. It is hardly conceivable that the Soviet Premier could have been more negative; to have uttered so many words without offering a gleam of hope for a closer understanding of international problems.

HOPEFUL GENEVA SIGNS

Talks On Indo-China May Open In Week's Time

Save My Wife Appeal To Eisenhower

Bonn, April 27. Nikolai Khokhlov, former Captain in the Soviet Secret Police, today appealed to President Eisenhower to save his wife Yanina, whom he left behind in Moscow when he gave himself to the Americans in Frankfurt. He asked President Eisenhower to do his utmost to save a woman "whose only fault is that she followed the commandment thou shalt not kill."

THE PETROV CASE

Royal Commission Named

Canberra, Apr. 27. The Australian Government has selected three judges to form the Royal Commission which is to enquire about the former Soviet agent, Vladimir Petrov's allegations. The judges, whose names are expected to be officially announced within a few hours, are Judge Philip of Queensland, Judge Scholl of Melbourne, Victoria, and Judge Owen of Sydney, New South Wales. The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, had urged the Cabinet to select three judges from different states who are entirely free from any political bias. The Royal Commission is unlikely to begin hearings before the end of May when they will adjourn after a brief legal argument until more documents are translated. Meanwhile, the Australian Embassy staff in Moscow still have not received their exit visas and travel reservations for tonight's train to Helsinki, the Australian Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Bryan C. Hill said today. He added that after a half-hour interview with Mr. N. P. Koptlov, chief of Australian affairs at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, he still had no definite indication as to when the Australians would receive their visas. However, it was believed the visas would be received in time for Thursday's Helsinki train. —France-Press.

Honeymooners Die In Train Smash

Frankfurt, Apr. 27. A German couple returning from a honeymoon in Italy were among five people killed when a German passenger train ploughed into the side of the Scandinavian-Rome-Copenhagen Express near here today. Sixty other passengers were injured, four seriously. —Reuter.

No Disciplinary Action Against US Colonel

Washington, Apr. 27. The Marine Corps announced today that no disciplinary action would be taken against Colonel Frank H. Schwable for his germ warfare confession while a prisoner of war in Korea. The court of inquiry which considered the case found that Colonel Schwable's usefulness to the Marine Corps had been "seriously impaired." The court's finding against disciplinary action was approved by General Lemuel Shepherd, Marine Corps Commandant, the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Charles Wilson. In a statement accompanying the findings of the court, General Shepherd said Colonel Schwable's forced confession despite his reluctance constituted "a severe blow" to national interests and that the Colonel's future assignment would have to be restricted to duties making "minimum demands of their successful performance" upon elements of unblemished personal example and leadership. Both the Marine Corps and the Secretary of the Navy recommended to the Defense Department that a service-wide study be made of Communist methods of physical and mental torture so that American prisoners in any future war might be better prepared to withstand the rigors of Communist captivity. Mr. Wilson said he would take the recommendations under advisement. —Reuter.

CONFIDENCE RESTORED

Geneva, Apr. 28. France hopes to obtain Russia's final agreement here today to the calling of peace talks on Indo-China in about a week's time. M. Georges Bidault and Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the French and Soviet Foreign Ministers, are meeting again this morning to try to conclude their talks on who should be invited to the Indo-China negotiations.

M. Bidault then goes straight to a meeting with his British and United States colleagues before Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, makes his opening statement to the 19-nation conference on Korea.

Conference circles expect Mr. Dulles to make a strong denunciation of the three-point plan for Korean reunification tabled by General Nam Il, North Korea's Foreign Minister, at yesterday's second session of the Geneva conference.

Mr. Anthony Eden will be in the chair at today's session. The North Korean proposal envisages the setting up of a joint North-South commission to arrange countrywide elections and withdrawal of all foreign troops within six months from the end of the Geneva conference.

Mr. Dulles, who rejected similar Russian proposals for Germany at the "Big Four" Berlin talks only about two months ago, was expected to denounce the North Korean scheme as an attempt to impose Communist rule throughout the peninsula. A British spokesman here announced last night that the North Korean proposals were "unacceptable" to his delegation. The Indo-China talks to try to end the seven-year-old French war against the Communist Vietnamese rebels will probably be held simultaneously with the Korean debate, once they get started. What M. Bidault and Mr. Molotov hoped to decide today was how many nations—apart from the "Big Four" and Communist China—should be invited to attend the meeting.

CHIEF DISAGREEMENT Main disagreement after yesterday's Bidault-Molotov meeting was whether or not the rebel leader, Ho Chi-minh, should send a delegate here. Mr. Molotov said he should. M. Bidault was against it because the rebel territory is not recognised as a state—except by the Communist nations. But M. Bidault is expected to concede the point rather than delay the talks too long. The two statesmen agreed yesterday that the conference should be kept small. Diplomatic quarters here think it unlikely that neighbouring countries like India, Burma, Thailand and Indonesia will be invited, though the Associated States of Indo-China—Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia—will be. The impression is gaining ground among Western delegates here that the French military situation, dubbed "desperate" by many last week, is perhaps not as serious as was feared. It is also believed that the beleaguered and badly smashed French fortress of Dien Bien Phu can hold out longer than had been thought.

The British Government's decision, announced by Sir Winston Churchill yesterday, not to commit itself to military support of the French in Indo-China, while the Geneva conference was in progress, brought praise from many Western delegates here. The conference has not really tackled matters of substance yet. But the swift and easy progress made in settling the procedural arrangements would not have been possible, it is felt, if Britain or any of France's allies had decided in advance of the meeting to aid the French Union forces. —Reuter.

CONFIDENCE RESTORED Geneva, Apr. 27. The second day of the Geneva Conference has restored confidence both to what one might call the professional optimists and to the more sceptical. There is clearly a general wish to reach agreement on Indo-China, according to those privileged to hear the story of the latest conversations. One of the most significant conversations to be held was between the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov. It was rapid but important, and dealt with the question of which powers should be invited to attend debates. This has not yet been finally decided and it will undoubtedly be difficult to reach a decision. It is certain that the Powers will agree to the participation of the Associated States of Indo-China but these States refuse to sit at the same conference table as the representatives of the Vietnamese leader, Ho Chi-minh. Naturally M. Molotov is in favour of inviting the Vietnamese representative to attend the Conference. The Americans are opposed to this principle on the grounds that it would be difficult to achieve a cease-fire without agreement between both parties. In any case, once the list of powers to be invited has been drawn up each of the Four Powers will send invitations to the country with which it entertains diplomatic relations. The Bidault-Molotov talks, which have avoided Four-Power talks to which the Russians are opposed, and the Five-Power talks which the Western Powers have refused to consider, are to be continued tomorrow. By this means it would appear likely that Indo-China will be discussed in the Asian Conference proper. Any agreement may prove to be the most significant in this Conference.

LOBBY TALKS The French-Soviet talks will be completed by Thursday, a dinner to be given by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, is expected to be held on Friday. The talks have been taken place in the "Lobby" of the Foreign Office.

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Gichoho Kimani, the young Kikuyu found guilty of murdering four-year-old Andrew Stephens, stands in the dock in Nairobi after shouting, shrieking, and throwing off the blanket that covered him. Two Askaris stand beside him—one holding the blanket—waiting for British officers, standing below, to decide what to do to keep the trial going properly. —London Express.

Nurse's Body Found

FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED

Stratford-on-Avon, Apr. 27.

Britain's ace murder investigator arrived here today to probe the death of a woman who was drowned in the river Avon, near the tomb of William Shakespeare.

The detective, Superintendent John Capstick of Scotland Yard, held a conference with local police chiefs. Squads dragged the river for a tombstone believed to have been tied to the body of the woman when she fell—or was thrown into the water.

Literary pilgrims, wandering around the old streets of half-timbered houses in the poet's birthplace, were distracted from their musings by the sight of police shifting through litter baskets for clues.

The dead woman, nurse Olive Bennett, 45-year-old Scottish midwife, worked at a maternity home about two miles from Stratford. She left the home on Friday for her afternoon off—"in happy mood"—according to colleagues here.

Her body was found in the river the next day. Spring flowers sprinkled in the water by schoolchildren to mark Shakespeare's birthday celebrations, floated gently over it. The "amorous swans of Avon" glided peacefully by.

Mr. James Stanley, assistant Chief Constable of Warwickshire, said today: "foul play is suspected."

Stratford is crowded this week with visitors from many parts of the world, here for the annual Shakespearean celebrations. Detectives are planning to interview many of the pilgrims who have recently visited Shakespeare's tomb in the churchyard of Holy Trinity. Nurse Bennett was last seen there on Friday.

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THE INDO-CHINA CRISIS

Eisenhower May Seek Meeting With Churchill

Washington, Apr. 27. Usually authoritative sources suggested today that President Eisenhower might seek a meeting with the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, if he is convinced by his defence chiefs that only immediate intervention can save Indo-China.

This idea came out as the result of Sir Winston's statement in the House of Commons today that Britain is not prepared to send any forces to Indo-China until the Geneva conference has discussed that problem.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, is coming here today to tell President Eisenhower the results of London talks in which he reportedly failed to persuade Sir Winston to join in immediate action to save Indo-China.

The sources said that some high Defence Department officials are understood to feel that not only Dien Bien Phu but a lot more of Indo-China may be lost if Britain waits at Geneva to see what the Communists will do about Indo-China since they could take a month or more at this.

The sources pointed out that by plane it would only take a few hours for President Eisenhower and Sir Winston to meet, but they assumed that Mr. Eisenhower would want to consider the views of the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, at Geneva and the Congressional leaders as well as the Joint Chiefs of Staff before proposing such a meeting.

PRESENT VIEWPOINT They understood that it is still the Administration's viewpoint that the United States will not undertake direct action in Indo-China unless Britain, too, and that action must be preceded by the setting up of the Pacific Treaty Organisation (PATO) to guarantee Southeast Asia.

The sources contended that a skeleton PATO could be set up here without delay as military representatives of all the nations involved, except Cambodia and Laos, are here. Later, it could be transferred in a permanent headquarters, presumably in the Philippines, they suggested. Meantime, they said, that the Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, Mr. Everett F. Drumright, late yesterday called in the Cambodian Ambassador, Mr. Nang Kimmy, to discuss with him what further military aid Cambodia needs to be able to defend itself against continued aggression. —United Press.

NIXON RAISES POINT Washington, Apr. 27. The question of a possible participation by the United States in the Indo-China conflict was raised today by Vice-President Richard Nixon at a meeting of the governors of the 48 American states, a well-informed source revealed. Although the meeting was held in secret, it was understood that the question was raised by Mr. Nixon in a general review of the international situation. Referring to the question of the state governors who were

Petrov Talks And Clears Up

Burgess, Maclean Mystery

Our own correspondent London, Apr. 27. As a result of disclosures made by Vladimir Petrov, former Third Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Canberra, all is clear now to British Intelligence about the missing diplomats Burgess and Maclean, writes the Daily Express crime reporter, Percy Hoskins.

Petrov has revealed the whereabouts of the diplomats, how they are employed and how they are paid. He has also told Australian security officers the names of those who planned the escape route which Burgess and Maclean took three years ago.

Petrov, former Russian secret police chief in Australia, has also told who helped the diplomats to get across the Continent.

Heavily guarded couriers are daily bringing to London these secrets and others concerning disappearances and kidnappings to behind the Iron Curtain.

Madame Petrov, who was formerly a cypher clerk in the Embassy, was a key operative in the MVD. It is revealed. Both husband and wife, who are now in political asylum somewhere in New South Wales, are talking freely. Couriers are bringing copies of their statements by plane, not only to London but to the intelligence departments of other Western powers. He revealed already are details of most of the Communist subversive activity in the West since the 1945 exposure by Igor (Contd. on back page, Col. 3)

Settlement Reached

New York, Apr. 27. Settlement of the two-year dispute between actress Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan over custody and financial arrangements for their daughter Yasmine was announced today.

Unofficial reports said that the little girl will get \$1,500,000. Mr. Bartley Crum, attorney for the glamorous, triple-bet movie queen, said that the legal papers would be signed this afternoon. He said details would not be announced. But it was reported earlier that Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan had agreed on a settlement worth a total of \$1,500,000 by the time Yasmine, now four years old, is 18. —United Press.

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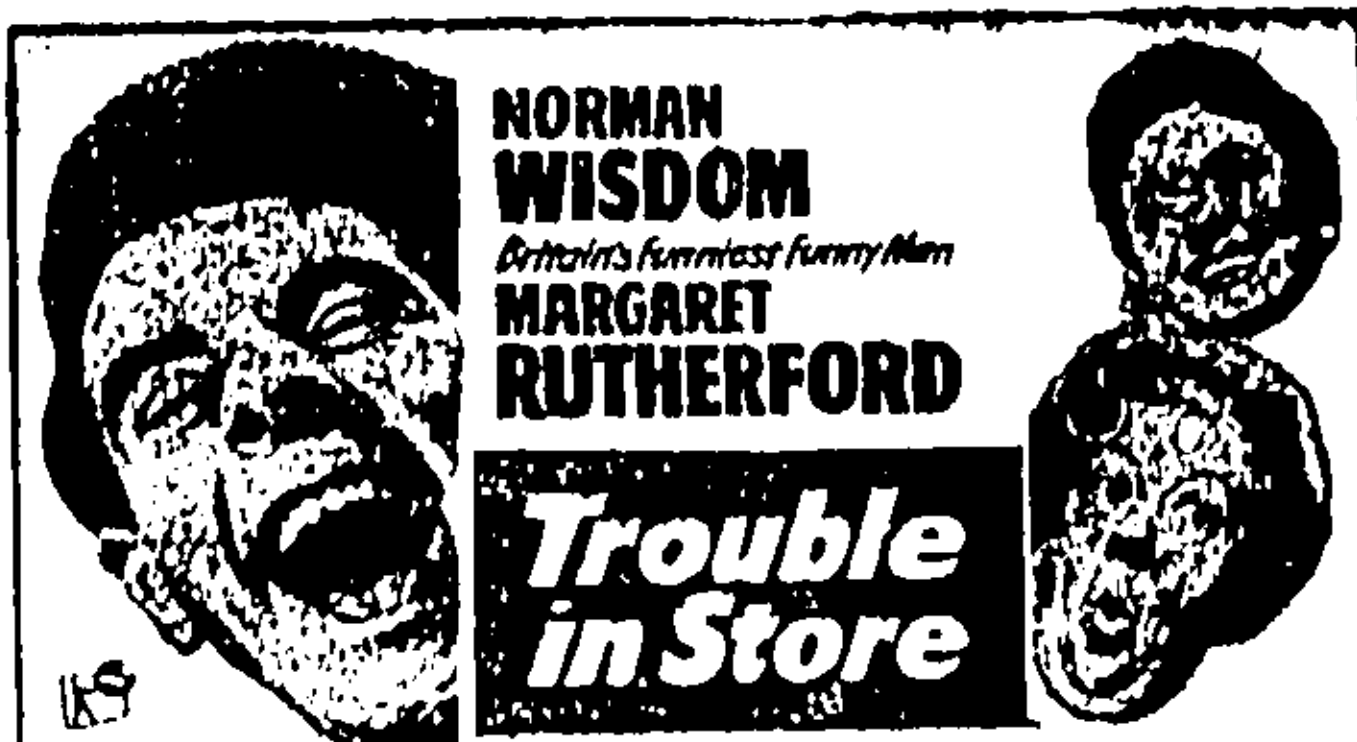
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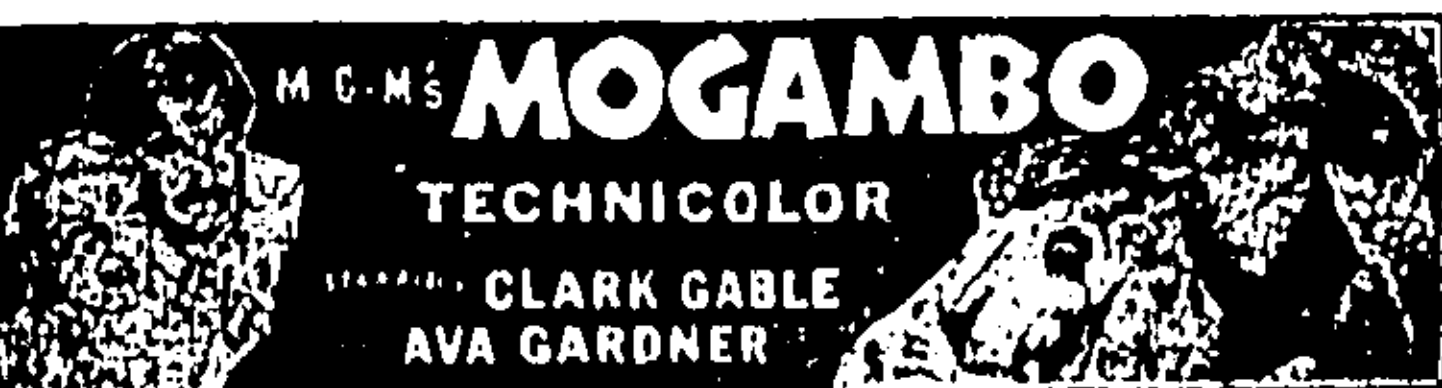


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"NO KNOWLEDGE" OF ALLEGED RED MOVE

Paris Comment On Intervention In Indo-China War

Paris, Apr. 27.

A French military spokesman said today there was "absolutely no knowledge" in Paris of reports that 18,000 Chinese Communists had marched into Indo-China to join the Vietminh.

An American National Broadcasting Corporation correspondent, Don Whitehead, reported from Hongkong last night that Communist China had sent three divisions — 18,000 men — into the Indo-China war.

Vietminh artillery maintained a "softening up" barrage at Dien Bien Phu last night but Communist infantrymen held back for the fourth consecutive night. Reports reaching Paris from Indo-China said defenders of the

northern fortress used the respite to improve their defence works.

The French military spokesman said a daily average of 170 tons of supplies is being parachuted into the fortress. They include half a ton of ice dropped for wounded troops in Dien Bien Phu's underground hospital.

Nineteen doctors and five surgical teams were tending the wounded, whose number had never exceeded 800, he said.

REPORTS DENIED

The spokesman denied reports that parachuted supplies and reinforcements were falling wholesale into the Vietminh lines. He said 88 per cent of all supplies had reached the fortress and all but one unit of paratroopers had landed safely.

These men drifted into Vietminh outposts. They were rescued in a sharp attack, he said.

The spokesman said there had been a tremendous response to a call by General Henri Navarre, French Commander-in-Chief, for volunteers to be dropped over the fortress.

He said a whole battalion of Foreign Legion troops had come forward despite the fact that they had no parachuting experience. Two French non-commissioned officers, veterans of Korea, volunteered just as they were about to be repatriated to France.

Volunteers are being flown to Dien Bien Phu according to requirements signalled by General Christian de Castries, Commander of the fortress, he said.

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Forced Labour In Russia? "That's False"

— Says A Russian

United Nations, Apr. 27.
The Soviet delegate, Mr. Samoylov Tsurapkin, asserted today that Russia had been falsely accused in the United Nations of forced labour.

He told the Economic and Social Council, which is debating slave labour, that reports of such labour in the Communist orbit had been inspired by United States psychological warfare.

Mr. Tsurapkin contended that the American aim was to divert attention from questions of economic development and normalisation of international trade, which were "distasteful" to the United States.

The United Nations Committee that reported on forced labour conditions last year had ignored conditions in the United States, such as labour by Mexican "wetbacks" and Negroes from the Caribbean region.

Mr. Tsurapkin said that the Chairman of the Committee had had little experience in labour matters except when, as the Prime Minister of the Indian State of Mysore, he had sent two labour leaders to jail.

Mr. Tsurapkin was referring to Sir Ramseswami Mudaliar, United Press.

Honorary Degree For Queen Mother

Leeds, Yorkshire, Apr. 27.

Representatives of many Commonwealth and other overseas universities, were presented to the Queen Mother here today, when she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws of Leeds University.

More than 2,000 people saw the ceremony in the Town Hall after the Royal Visitation had inspected the Guard of Honour of university army air force cadets and the Women's Royal Army Corps in the square outside.

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Italy's President Einaudi receives gifts when driving to inaugurate the 32nd. International Samples Fair in Milan, Italy. More than 10,000 firms, representing 37 countries are exhibiting over 800,000 samples of their wares. — Express Photo.

Former PoWs In Korea Join Nationalist Army

Taipei, Apr. 27.

The majority of the 14,000 Chinese ex-PoWs who came to Formosa rather than return to Red China have been integrated into the Nationalist Chinese Army.

The process of placing them in units and training centres was to take some two weeks, the authorities revealed. Almost all of the ex-Red soldiers would be assigned to infantry outfits.

In appeals signed with blood the men asked to be given front-line posts in the promised counter-attack against Red China. Most got their wish.

About 150 have been given scholarships to enter the National University. Others will attend army and civilian specialist training schools. An unspecified number, probably under 200, are to be retired in "honourable soldiers' homes." Others, too old or physically unqualified for military duty will be urged to take civilian jobs.

Nationalist leaders here insist that the entire procedure has been voluntary. They say the vast majority of the ex-PoWs have asked to be used as shock troops against the Communist armies.

The Nationalists plan to take every advantage of the previous military experience of these men, some 7,000 of whom were once Nationalist regulars before the fall of the mainland.

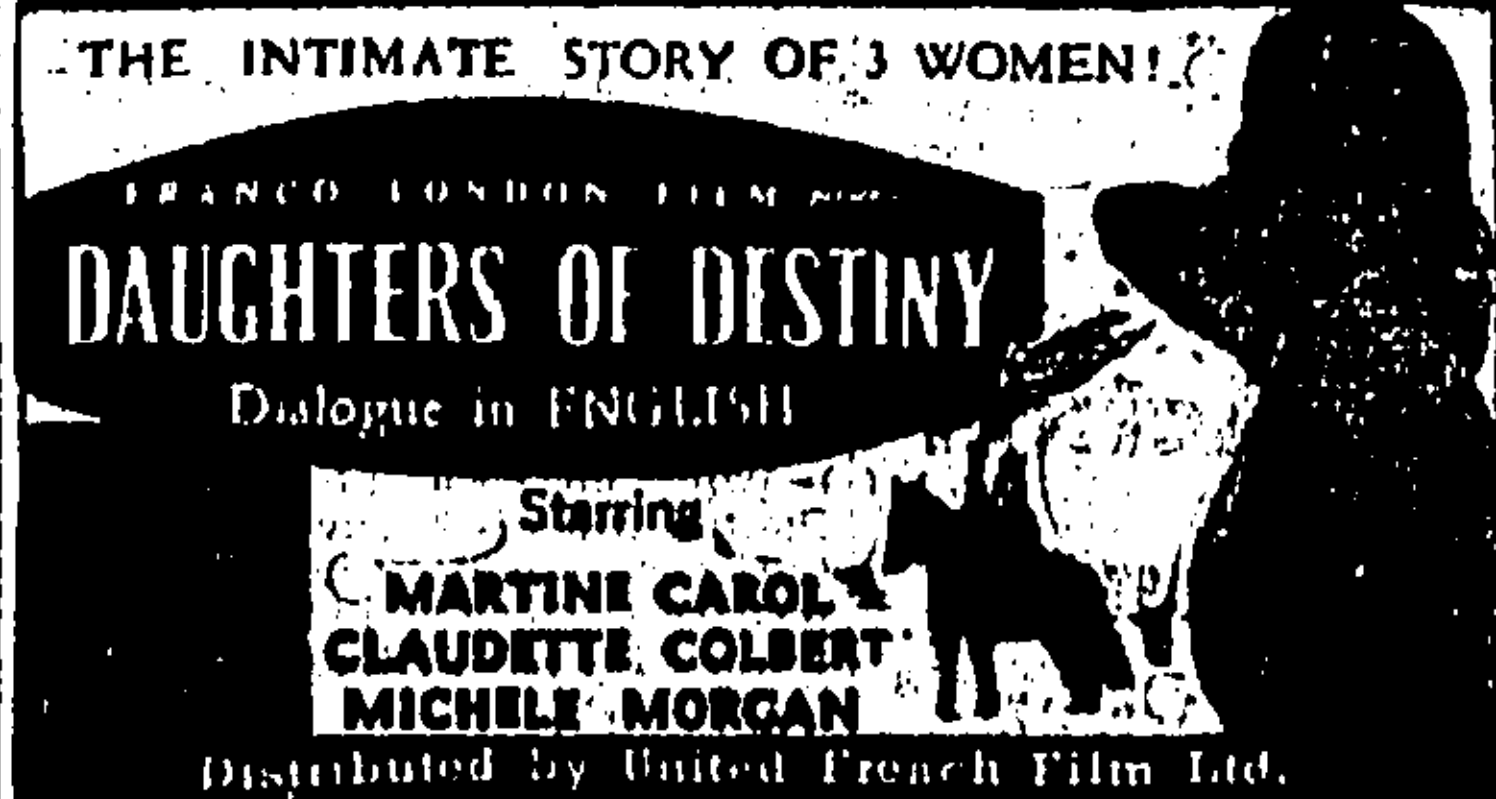
Former officers are to be commissioned with the rank they once held.

None has married since arriving here. A group of 150 WACCS, all pretty, young Chinese, represent most of their contact with women. These girls teach them folk dancing and help stage Chinese operas. Little extra-curricular activity has been reported. — United Press.

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Win For Eisenhower On Farm Bill

Washington, Apr. 27.
President Eisenhower won an important test on farm legislation today when the Senate rejected a farm-bill — attempt to continue high-level price supports on basic crops.

The vote was 48 to 40. The test came on a move to tie to the Administration's Wool Support Bill an amendment to continue present price supports at 90 per cent of fair-price parity on basic farm crops.

Senator Allen J. Ellender, Democrat, sponsor of the amendment, modified it an hour before the vote in a bid to gain support. But the effort failed. Mr. Ellender's proposal would have continued the present 90 per cent level on the so-called basic crops — cotton, wheat, peanuts and tobacco — for one year after the present expiration date at the end of this year.

The Administration wants the high-level supports to expire on all except tobacco on schedule, December 31.

In separate legislation, now pending before the Senate Agriculture Committee, the Administration is asking for a system of "flexible" price props. United Press.

Marquess Dead

Folkestone, Kent, Apr. 27.
The Marquess of Queensbury, sportsman, businessman, soldier and author, whose grandfather gave his name to the rules of boxing, died here today, aged 58. — China Mail Special.

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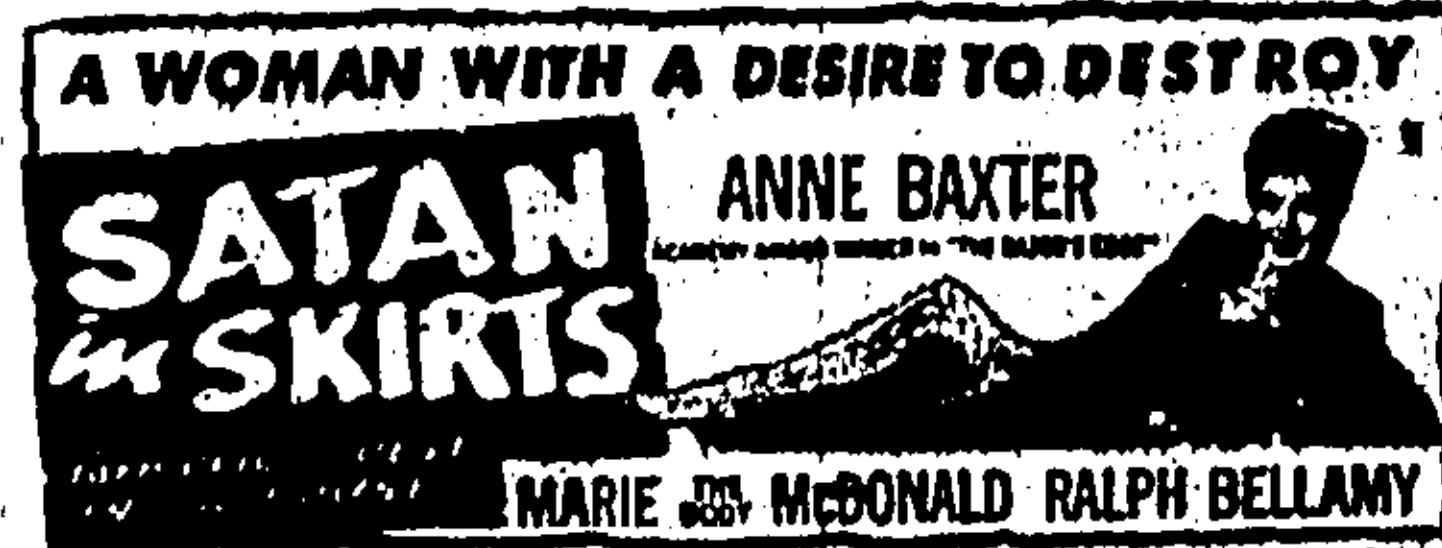
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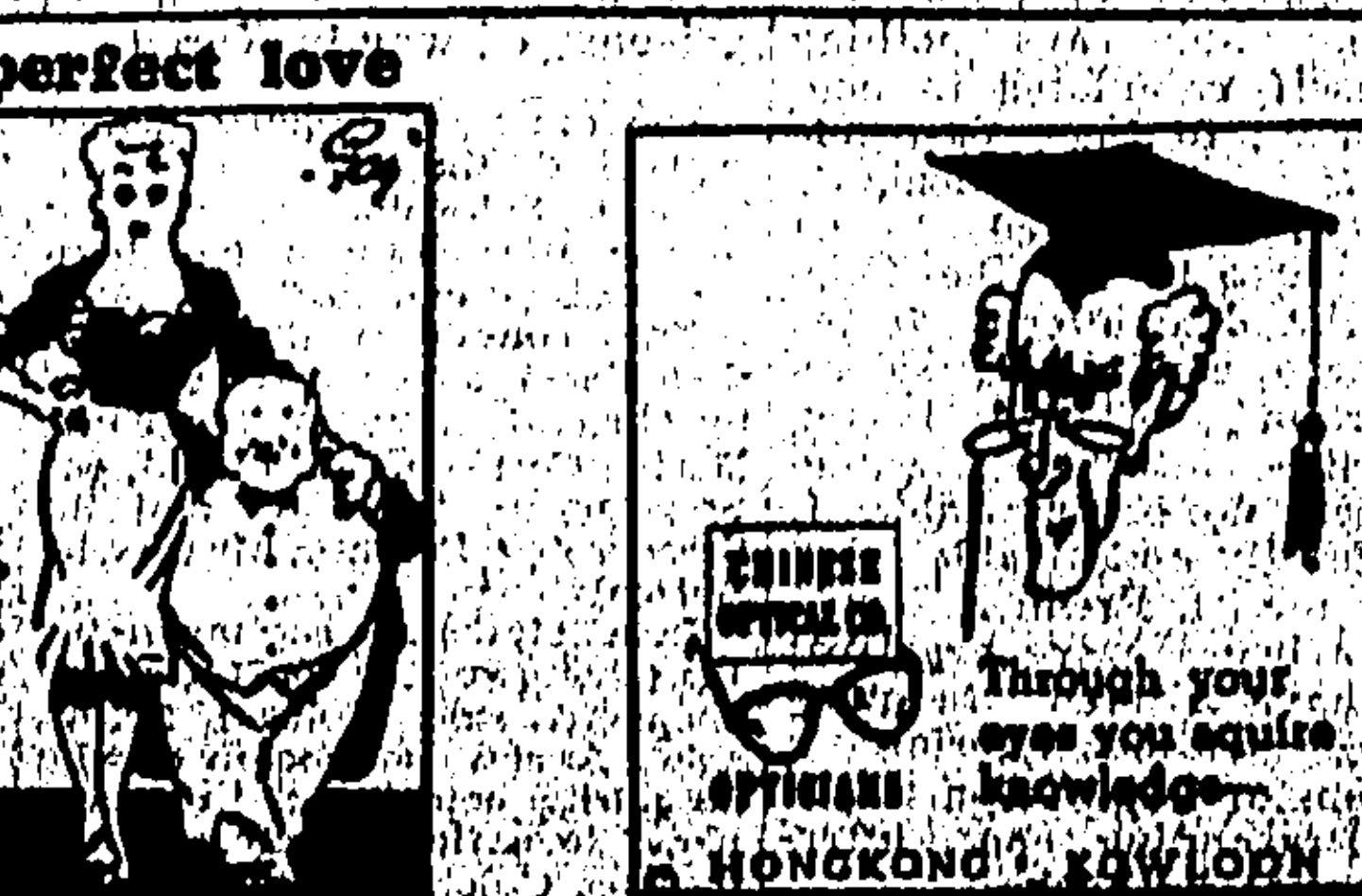
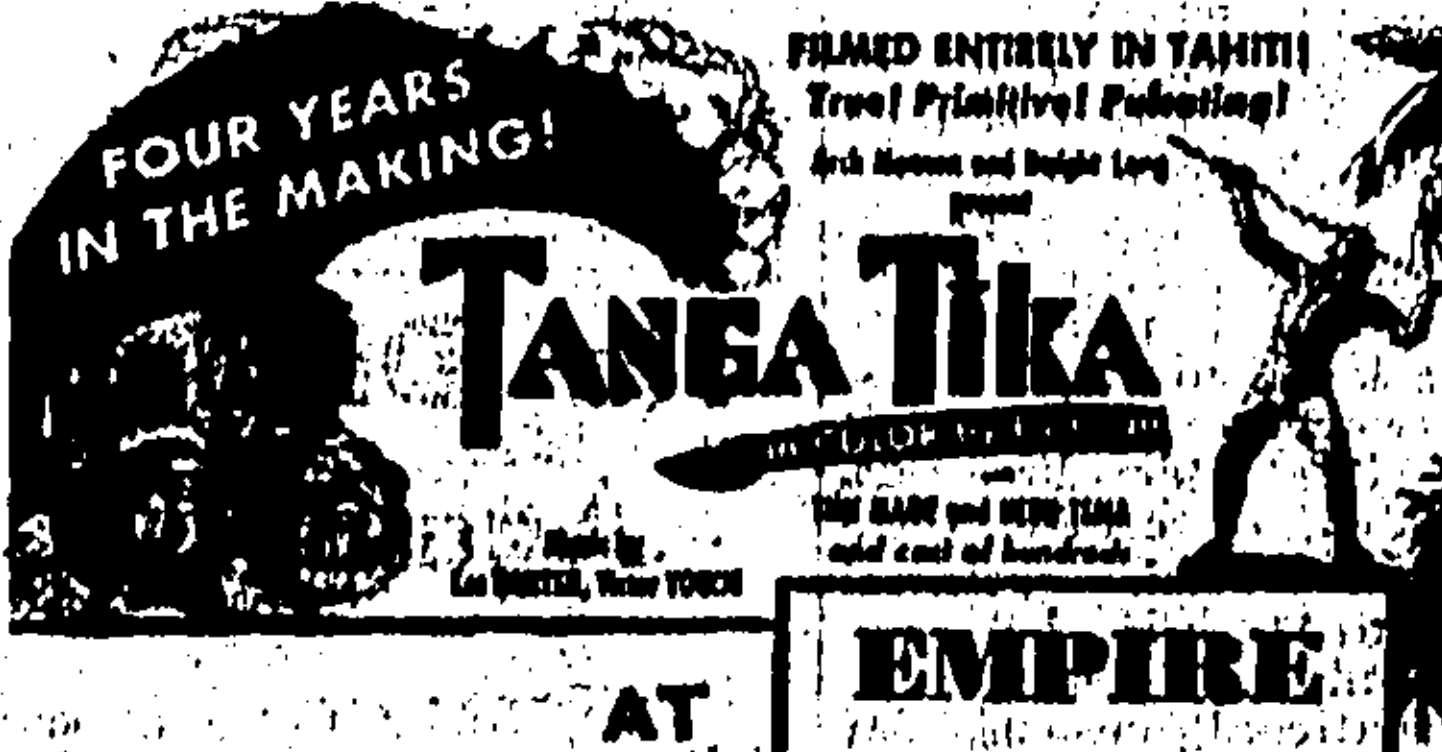


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Nehru Optimistic

Colombo, Apr. 27. The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said on his arrival in Colombo today he was "optimistic" about the prospects of the conference of Asian Prime Ministers, opening tomorrow.

Asked if he would seek the support of the Indian people, Mr. Nehru said: "I am not sure. I am not sure of the support of the two thousand million people of the world."

"It is for the people to support it," he said. "It is not my duty to seek their support. These are public issues. We confer together. We try to find a way to make suggestions."

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More Raids In British Guiana

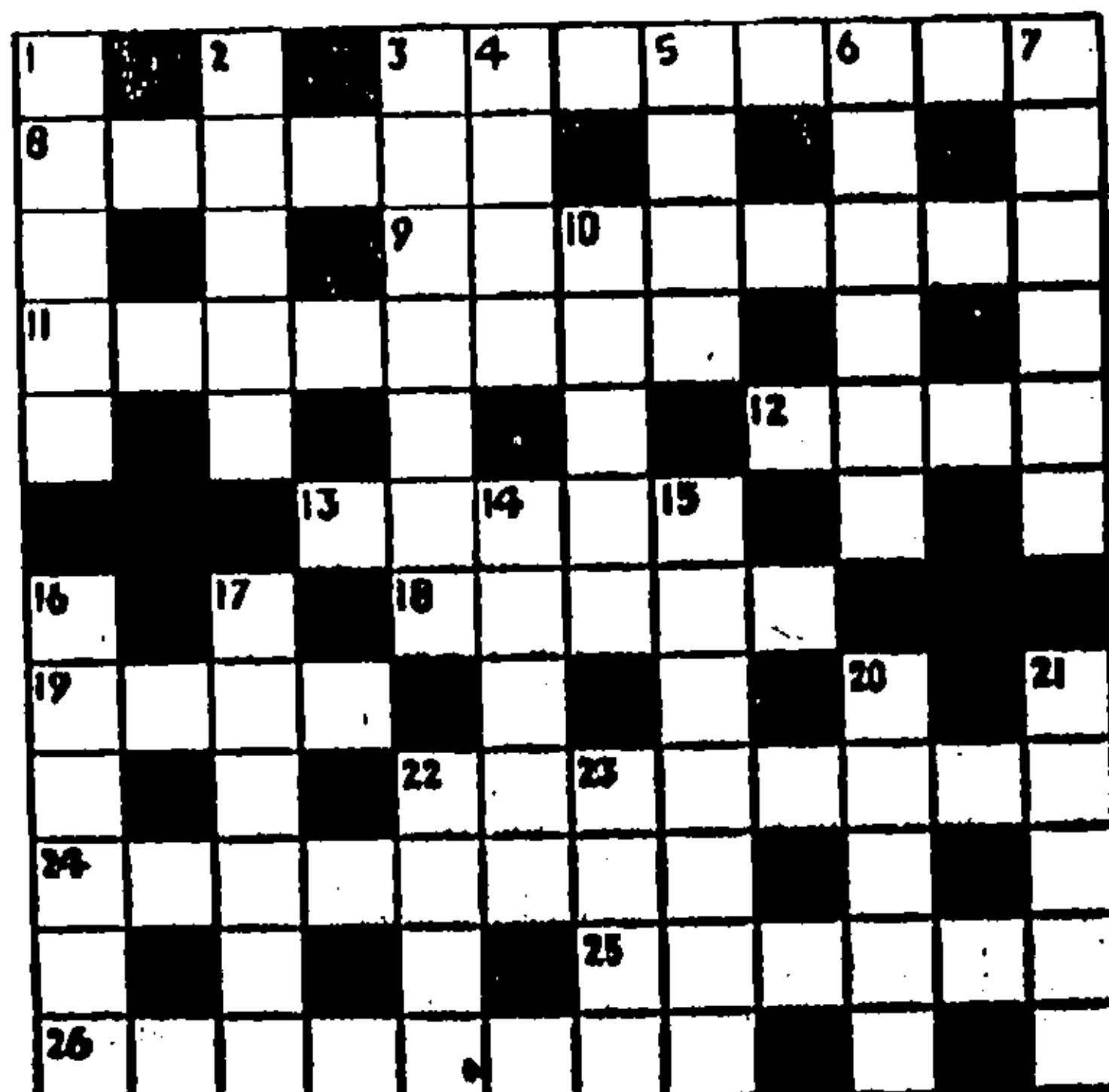
Georgetown, British Guiana, Apr. 27.

Police have raided the home of Mr. Sydney King, the deposed People's Progressive Party Minister of Works and Communication at Buxton village and have also carried out raids at three places, it was learned today.

The People's Progressive Party members commemorated today their victory at the general elections a year ago by waving red, black and yellow rosettes, the party colours. But no celebrations were planned.

Mrs. Janet Jagan, the party's General Secretary, said a book written by her husband Dr. Chedoke Jagan, deposed Prime Minister, entitled "Forbidden Freedom" would be published in England and should be off the press by July. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Revolving (5).
 - 8 Made reputation (6).
 - 9 Pleases highly (8).
 - 11 Muddled (5).
 - 12 Colour (4).
 - 13 Carrying-chair (5).
 - 18 Put off (5).
 - 19 Assert (4).
 - 22 Active (5).
 - 24 Carry on (8).
 - 25 Make certain (8).
 - 26 Swordsmen (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Tree (5).
 - 2 Leap (5).
 - 3 Lessened (7).
 - 4 Poems (4).
 - 6 Parched (4).
 - 6 Breathed (5).
 - 7 Spooled (5).
 - 10 Lawful (5).
 - 14 Evil spirit (5).
 - 15 Not yet mature (7).
 - 16 Rotten (5).
 - 17 Sitting (5).
 - 20 Concerning (5).
 - 21 Hindor (5).
 - 22 Replenish (4).
 - 23 Regrets (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Shepherd, 7 Abash, 8 Offender, 10 Centre, 13 Estate, 15 Ark, 17 Lesson, 18 Wavered, 20 Eyes, 21 Radical, 23 Trade, 27 Littered, 28 Theme, 29 Hilarious, Down: 1 Farce, 2 Giant, 3 Short, 4 Frey, 5 Endure, 6 Dured, 9 Fester, 11 Essay, 12 Tard, 14 Sedate, 15 Astir, 16 Knead, 18 Wraith, 19 Vessel, 22 Dirty, 23 Caper, 24 Level, 26 Dear.

Chinese Eat Spaghetti

Geneva, Apr. 27. Spaghetti has replaced rice, the favourite dish of hundreds of Chinese Communists and North Koreans, here for the Geneva Far East conference.

When they found that rice was not easily available at restaurants, they immediately ordered spaghetti. But they did not eat with chopsticks. — China Mail Special.

REDS CALL FOR BIG STRIKE

Paris, Apr. 27.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour made a last appeal today to its four million members to respond to tomorrow's 24-hour general strike call. The Catholic Trade Union Confederation is giving its support to press wage claims.

The abstention of the Socialist Force Ouvrière and independent unions and conflicting orders from national and local leaders have made most unlikely any total stoppage of public services or private industry. The Government has planned an official measure to meet a possible emergency.

All three big labour groups are behind the month's old campaign to raise the minimum wage from the present 23,000 francs monthly (about £23.85) to 25,100 francs (about £25.12). But the Socialists claimed Communists were using the strike as a political weapon to embarrass France at the opening of the Geneva conference.

Hardest hit is likely to be the railways and the suburban network is expected to be crippled. But British Railways have been told that boat trains to and from the Channel ports will probably keep normal schedules. Air lines also have to have nearly normal services. —Reuter.

Radford Returns To Washington

Washington, Apr. 27.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Arthur Radford, returned home today after talks yesterday with Sir Winston Churchill and British service chiefs.

The Admiral, whose previously announced programme called for him to be in Europe until April 30, insisted he had planned only a short trip.

He would not discuss reports that he had flown back to Washington for emergency talks on the Indo-China situation. —Reuter.

ELECTIONS

Seen As Dominant Problem Of Geneva Conference

"ALMOST INSOLUBLE"

Geneva, Apr. 28.

Opening statements yesterday by the North and South Korean Foreign Ministers quickly brought to a head the problem that will dominate the Geneva conference — how to get the two blocs to agree on a definition of Democratic elections.

The difference between the Communist and non-Communist viewpoint on this subject has been repeatedly demonstrated since World War II, Germany being the most recent example.

All Western delegations are convinced that this is an almost insoluble problem.

So far only a British spokesman has publicly described the North Korean plan as unacceptable to his delegation. But Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, is also almost certain to reject it when he speaks today.

The South Korean demand that free elections take place only in the north because South Korea's elections were held under United Nations observation is a view of President Syngman Rhee. His Parliament has received 100 votes for the North Korean representatives.

But diplomatic quarters believe South Korea would agree to new elections throughout the whole peninsula if agreement could be reached on methods. The Colombian Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Zuleta Angel, spoke for all the non-Communist delegates when he put forward the plan approved by the United Nations General Assembly.

It is extremely unlikely that the Communists will move from their previous rejection of the United Nations' plans especially since the organisation represented "the other side" in the war. There is no historical precedent for such a situation.

Officials say the "Korean group" which fought under the United Nations' banner, will also oppose the Communist demand for evacuation of all foreign troops within six months.

But the rapid build-up of the South Korean forces may eventually lead to the groups deciding that South Korea is in a position to defend itself against another possible attack from the north. —Reuter.

Does Red China Agree?

Geneva, Apr. 27.

At the Chinese briefing conference after the first working session of the Geneva conference tonight the Communist spokesman answering a question said China considered herself equal with the Big Four and as having the same status at the Geneva talks.

Asked if China completely agreed with what General Nam had said at today's session, the Chinese spokesman answered: "I am not sure. I am not sure of the support of the two thousand million people of the world."

He was pressed to answer if this meant that China completely support General Nam's statement today. He answered: "I have already answered the question."

'America Started The War'

In a 70-minute briefing he said "facts made it very clear that this war (Korean war) was an aggressive war started by the United States against Korea."

"The South Korean delegate is afraid of the prospect that after the withdrawal of United States forces the Syngman Rhee Government would lose the support of American bayonets."

"He even proposed that United States forces should not be withdrawn. He said the United States forces could only be withdrawn after the Chinese People's Volunteers."

"He (the South Korean delegate) again slandered China — a slander already known. He slandered China as an aggressor. The fact is that the United States thugs started that war and simultaneously invaded and occupied China's Taiwan (Formosa)."

LONG HISTORY

"It was only after the United States had put a no need to warnings of the Chinese peoples and sent its troops across the 38th parallel and pushed them near the Yalu that China was compelled to organise voluntary units to safeguard its country."

The Chinese spokesman said General Nam II in his speech had said Korea had a long history of sovereignty and independence. The Korean people had driven back many times aggression from the outside. "For years the Korean people fought against Japanese occupation. Thanks to the decisive victory of the Red Army peace and liberation was brought to the Korean people."

Queen Opens Ceylon Parliament



Looking very regal, the Queen is pictured in her Coronation Dress when she opened the Ceylon Parliament at Colombo. —Central Press Photo.

Wick Doesn't "Work" It "Warks": Dispute Over Motto

Wick, Caithness, Apr. 27.

Lord Lyon, King of Arms, historic arbiter in Scottish heraldic disputes, has told the Wick Town Council suggestions for an extra motto for the Town Coat of Arms, are "spiritless" and "insipid."

China Claims Trade Expansion

London, Apr. 28.

Communist China's trade with capitalist countries had steadily expanded since 1953 in spite of the "embargo", a New China News Agency special correspondent said today in commenting on Peking's Ministry of Foreign Trade figures showing a 36 per cent increase in China's foreign trade last year compared with 1952.

The correspondent said also that "United States efforts to impose a blockade on China failed to retard China's economic development and have only damaged the countries which followed the American policy."

He recalled that during the Moscow international economic conference in 1952 the Chinese delegation signed trade agreements totalling 223 million United States dollars with businessmen delegates from 11 countries, including Great Britain.

China also concluded a Peking trade agreement for two-way trade worth 200 million with Japanese economic delegates, the correspondent said.

"All these agreements and contracts have reflected the pressing demands of people throughout the world for improving and expanding normal international trade relations, particularly for restoring and developing trade with China," the correspondent said. —Reuter.

Spandau Talks Continue

Berlin, Apr. 27.

Four power talks on easing conditions for the seven top Nazi war criminals held in Spandau Prison made "further progress" today, a Western spokesman reported.

Advisers of the British, United States, French and Soviet High Commissioners are meeting again on Thursday for the fourth time.

The Western powers have proposed that very sick prisoners should be given hospital treatment outside prison. That they should be allowed more mail and visitors and that there should be a possible remission of sentences for good conduct. —Reuter.

Testimony Will Rock Australia

Petrov Will Tell Inside Story Of Espionage

Sydney, Apr. 27.

The anti-Communist world gained a powerful weapon when Vladimir Petrov dramatically chose freedom in Canberra. This Igor Gouzenko of Australia is preparing to expose Kremlin intrigue in an increasingly important theatre of the cold war.

The 45-year-old Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy is readying to tell, for the first time from the inside, the story of how Russia spied on Australia, key Western ally in the South Pacific and a member of the ANZUS Pact.

His testimony before a Royal Commission of Inquiry is expected to rock Australia with reverberations. Even before he emerges into the limelight of the Royal Commission the bolt to freedom of the alleged MVD undercover agent will have become a factor in the outcome of Australia's May 29 General Election.

Until the genial but bland Russian diplomat takes the witness stand he will live and work in tightly guarded isolation.

And like Gouzenko he will continue to live with the full protection of the Government, hidden away from possible Communist retaliation after the headlines subside. There are numerous parallels in the cases of Petrov and Gouzenko.

Both were Soviet diplomatic employees overseas and both handled secret code documents. Both took a mass of secret documents with them when they "went over" to the cause of freedom. Each said he was disillusioned with the Communist way of life and feared returning to Russia.

Observers believe that Petrov's testimony will disclose Moscow's evaluation of Australia and perhaps that of New Zealand, the third ANZUS partner, in Soviet world strategy.

Ever since Pearl Harbour the Russians have maintained a vigorous diplomatic establishment in Australia. Up till the breaking-off of diplomatic relations it was not large—seven diplomatic officials were officially listed and perhaps a dozen employees such as cooks, chauffeurs, etc. But it has always been suspected of close links with the noisy and arrogant Australian Communist Party. The "Commos" as they are called, have a long and sorry record of provoking strikes, but in the past three years their power and influence have been drastically reduced.

Petrov's testimony will be important beyond the shores of Australia because of Australia's strategic value through her

Labour Governments in London and Canberra initiated most of these projects right after the war. The Australians unsuccessfully tried to interest Washington in using the big and expensive — rocket

The Conservative Governments of Britain and Australia carried on and expanded the projects. At various times during the Labour regime the Australian Press charged that the United States declined to exchange much secret information with Britain for fear it would leak out in Australia.

Mr. Menzies, when he dramatically told Parliament of the Petrov case, said that the inquiry would show the systems of espionage the Russians were using and on what they were spying.

Whatever the repercussions abroad, Mr. Menzies has already predicted that some of Petrov's disclosures will resound in Australia. That is because of the hundreds of documents Petrov handed over to convince Australian officials he was no Soviet

The Prime Minister urged that the Petrov case should not become a Party matter.

MANNA FROM HEAVEN

The Opposition leader, Dr. Herbert E. Ewart, former United Nations General Assembly President, supported Mr. Menzies, but many neutral observers believed that the Petrov case may well prove manna from heaven to the Menzies-Fadden Government election campaign.

Before the ink had dried on the terms of reference for the Petrov inquiry this case began figuring in politics.

The Sydney afternoon paper Daily Mirror promptly charged that the Government had fostered Communist disruption in Australia by refusing to deny passports to Reds who had attended numerous international conferences overseas. The Government, at the same time, denied facilities to a group of Communists preparing to attend a conference in Peking.

The known personal facts are few, but this obscure Russian diplomat may take his place in history alongside Gouzenko, Whittaker Chambers and others who "chose freedom."

Mr. Menzies requested the Press not to publish pictures or detailed descriptions of Petrov. The Press merely reported that he is chunky and friendly. It appears that Petrov's friends have given him special status. —Reuter.

She Tells How To Sell Cars To Americans

New York, Apr. 25.

An admiral's daughter, Miss Elizabeth Plunkett-Erle-Drax, whose family lives in Dorset, England, is finding she can sell four or five British cars a week to Americans by British understatement.

Miss Erle-Drax, as she is known here as a saleswoman for Rootes Group Motors Inc., said in an interview in the New York Times today she merely answered potential customers' questions let them make their own minds and found they usually came back to buy.

This is the daughter of Admiral Sir Reginald A. R. Plunkett-Erle-Drax, Royal

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Never Miss Various Types of Bidding

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is taken from last year's contest for the Vanderbilt Cup to illustrate a point of bidding that most bridge players overlook. Only the exceptional player tries to keep track of which side the hand belongs to.

When Edgar Kaplan, the New York expert whose team won the Vanderbilt Cup last year, held the South cards he decided to open the bidding. It's a debatable opening bid, with only one out of the hearts, and many experts would prefer to pass instead of bid. Nevertheless, Kaplan's decision to bid cannot be called eccentric; it's a borderline hand.

Perhaps West was a bit timid to pass, but this was another borderline case. Ruth Sherman,

NORTH 22		EAST	
♠ Q 8 6		♠ A 9 4 3	
♥ 10 7 4		♥ 10 3	
♦ K 10 6 3		♦ J 2	
♣ K 6		♣ A 9 3 2	
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
♠ K 10 7 2		♠ J 6	
♥ 9 2		♥ A K Q J 5	
♦ A Q 8 7 3 4		♦ 9	
♣ Q		♣ 10 8 7 6 4	
East-West vul.		South West North East	
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass		1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass	
4♥ Opening lead—A-2		4♥ Opening lead—A-2	

with the North cards, had a perfectly normal response of two hearts.

The response of two hearts showed about 10 points in a hand with support for hearts. Kaplan knew that his partner might have only 4 or 5 points in high cards, and he could count only 11 points in his own hands. It was clear that the opponents had a majority of the 40 points in the deck. Hence the hand belonged to the enemy.

If South timely passed, West might reopen the bidding and get what belonged to him. Hence Kaplan decided to bid again in the hope of keeping the enemy out. And he decided to bid game rather than just three hearts partly for the moral effect of this show of strength, and partly because there might even be a play for the game if North had all her strength in clubs.

As it turned out, South was down two. Nobody could double him, and the loss of 100 points was cancelled by his honours.

At the other table East and West bid up to four spades. This could have been defeated, but North and South decided not to risk it. They bid five hearts and were doubled. The loss here was 400 points.

This difference of 400 points was largely due to the fact that one player knew what was going on and made sure that his opponents couldn't find out.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 2 Clubs Pass
2 Spades Pass
You, South hold: Spades 9-2, Hearts K-Q-8, Diamonds 8-5-3, Clubs A-Q-J-6-3. What do you do?

A—Bid three hearts. You have already shown about 10 points as a minimum for your response of two clubs. You can now show your heart support, but you have no extra strength to justify a jump to four hearts.

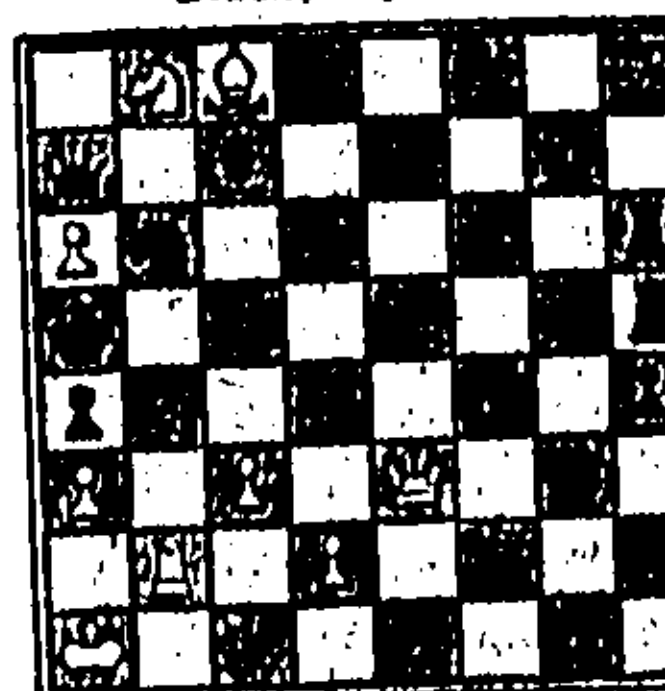
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South hold: Spades Q-2, Hearts K-Q-8, Diamonds 8-5-3, Clubs A-K-J-6-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

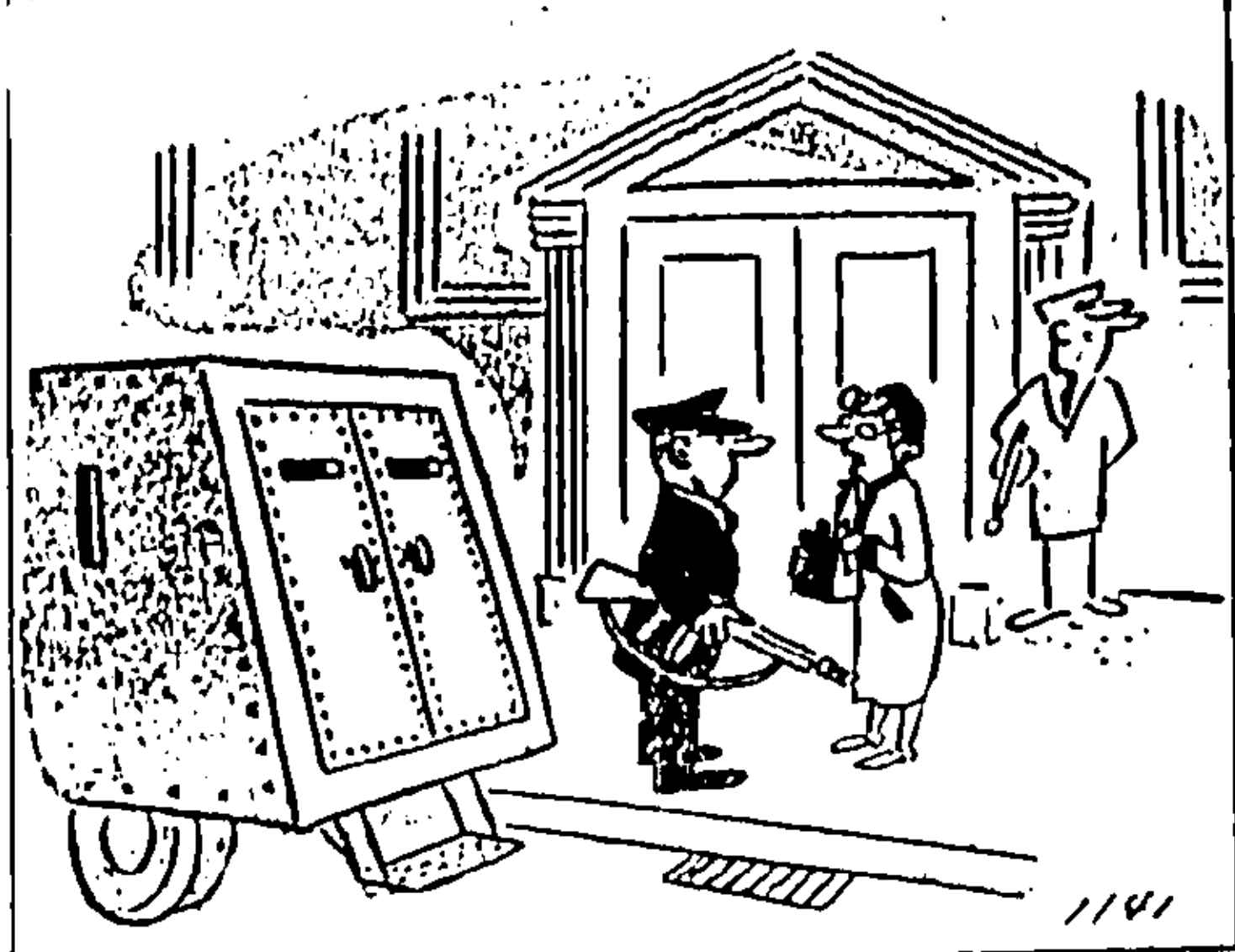
CHESS PROBLEM

By D. HUELLE
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution: to yesterday's problem:
1. RXPQ any? 2. Q, R, or K mates.

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"Oh, you must be joking! Surely you have change for a quarter!"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A STRAY dog bit a musician while the orchestra was in mid-upbeat the other day. I hope the unfortunate man, when interviewed, said, "His bite was worse than our Bach."

Prognose: But were they playing Bach?

Myself: No. Gounod. His bite was worse than their Gounod, if you insist on accuracy.

The blood-stained poodle (XXVI)

THE Bent Egg was the smartest night-club in Zub. It was a gala night, and the management were giving away sacks of chives. A Montenegro band was playing a waltz, and Ian Curtin was dancing with Zava, the reigning beauty. From his place of concealment behind a bar, a sardonic smile, Knarf watched. Suddenly a duck sang out. Mrs. Frame had ducked some while before, and the bullet struck her in the chest. Ian ducked and presently another bullet struck him in the chest. A hat left there by a customer. They duck before the shot is fired.

mattered Curtin. "Therefore they know what's coming. It's all a put up job. Why?"

Dictatorship in sport

DEAR SIR, If you object to the undemocratic idea of a Dictator-General in cricket matches, what about the football referee? There have been lately many unpleasant incidents, but actually attacked. The minister thing is that the police seemed to be on the side of the referee, and these expressions of the will of the people were forcibly stopped. This is not democracy as I understand it.

Yrs. truly,

"Democrat"

Shall we waltz?

I AM proud to be able to pass on the news that you may now buy portable plastic skating rink, which weighs only 60 lb., and can be set up in ten minutes. I did your bring your rink? how proudly you will produce it, and how much you will enjoy it. "Shall we skate?" "What about a couple of figures of one over the eight, Miss Mippett?"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

BORN today, you have one of those strong, domineering personalities which will push anything through to a successful conclusion. You are quite independent and must have the lesson of co-operation if you are to reap the rewards of the talents which have been given you by the stars.

You would make a fine politician, for you know how to handle people and get them to do exactly what you want them to do at the right time.

Although you are intuitive, you are not to laugh at this and often try to think things over carefully. As a result, you only become more confused. Act on your first decision, for they will usually be most correct.

Fond of members of the opposite sex, you will probably have several opportunities to wed. Select your partner wisely, for the first one or you may change partners more than once.

Among those who were born on this date are: Lionel Barrymore, actor; James M. Smith, U.S. President; and Harold Bauer, pianist.

To find what the stars have in store for your tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Take the advice of a loved one to heart. Be sure it is as wise as it is well-intentioned.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Hold to your objective and work quietly at your job. Conversation is what will count most today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Widen and care of details will take you a long way on the road to success at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—Day-dreaming may be a lot of fun at the time, but it won't pay the rent and the groceries!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Plan to get out in the open as much as you can these fine spring days. Do you the world of good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Make each minute count for something of lasting importance. Your scheme of life must be worked out carefully.

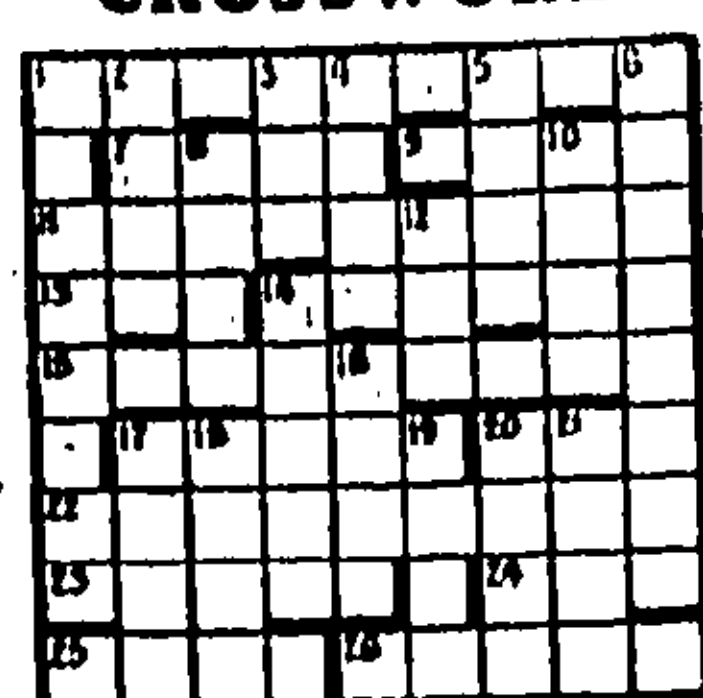
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—Be sure that a novel idea is good, practical.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

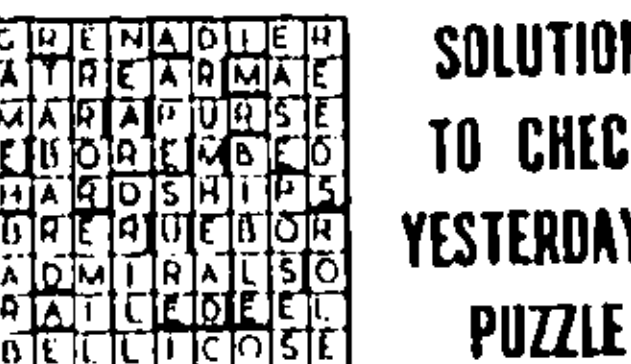
Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

CROSSWORD



- Across
- You may say this is the kind of drink to buck you up. (9)
 - A good one may make you a lot of money. (4)
 - Please do this, says the notice. (4)
 - Not that this is supposed to guide people who can't see. (6)
 - Season, minus the relative. (8)
 - The French initials of Mr. Other, the small editor. (6)
 - Petit rule. (anag.) (5, 4)
 - Put with four from Rome inside (5)
 - The exile from 13 Across. (8)
 - There it is, along the edge of the sea. (9)
 - Shelf rearranged. (5)
 - Cathedral was in Harriet. (8)
 - Thin of living is a bit of a worry. (4)
 - Court ones are fought with words. (5)
- Down
- This is designed to appeal to the emotions. (4)
 - A hat may be called this. (4)
 - This country lies in the East. (3)
 - Like strength or colour. (4)
 - No, and the same thing back-wards. (4)
 - Has a coloured. (8)
 - Associated with 999. (4)
 - The last part of 10 Across. (4)
 - Whittington had out. (8)
 - Two of great men all remind us. (5)
 - Beat possible—port out, star-board home. (5)
 - Water variety is played in its anger. (4)
 - Beside me, singing in Omar's wilderness. (4)
 - How, thus your humble servant. (4)
 - Part of the examination. (4)

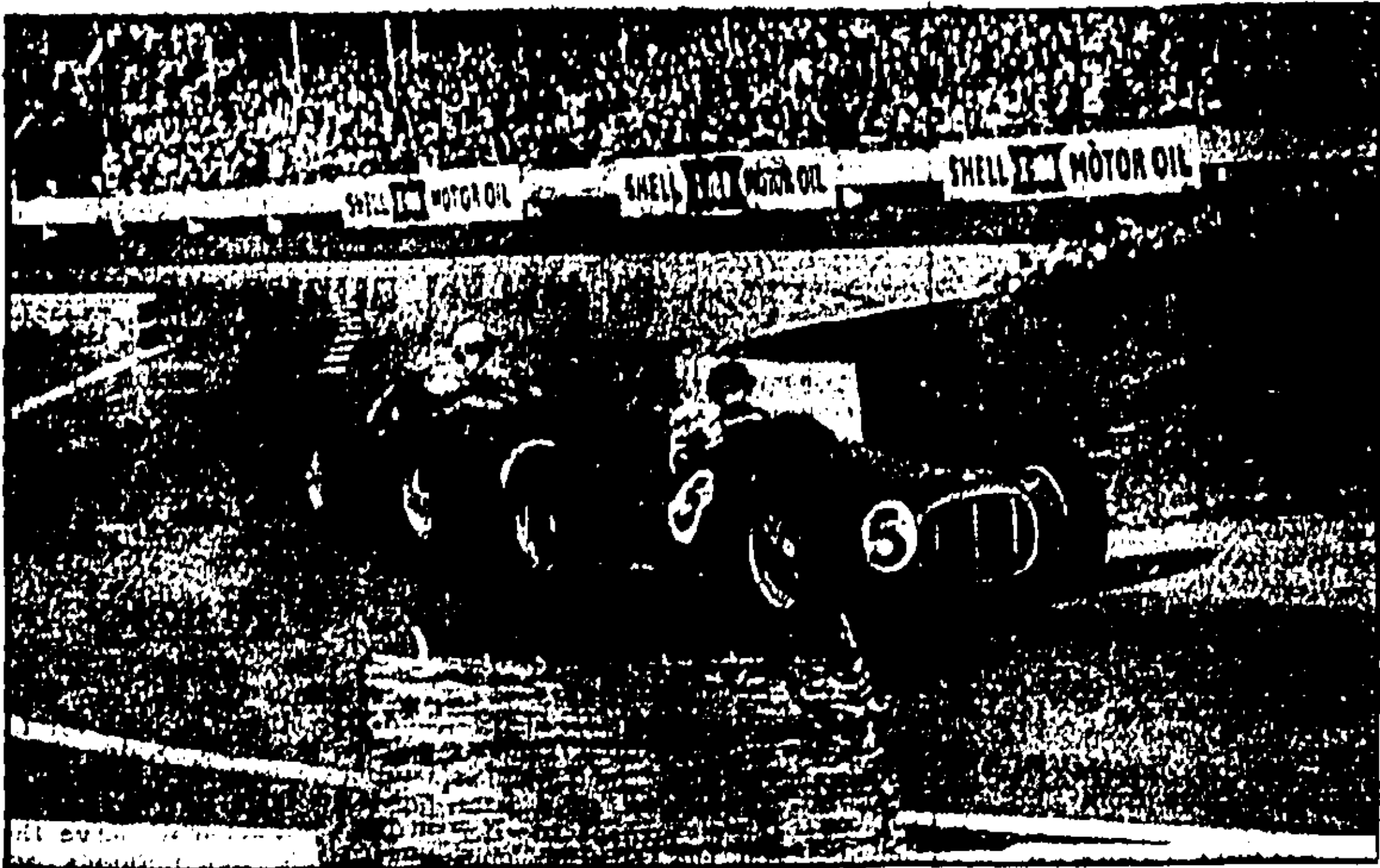


SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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KEN WHARTON WINS GLOVER TROPHY



Ken Wharton (BRM) leading Roy Salvadori (Maserati) at one of the bends during the big race, the Glover Trophy, which Wharton won at Goodwood on April 19.—Central Press Photo.

Bernard Hunt Is Britain's Brightest Golfing Hope

British golf faces one of its strongest-ever overseas challenges this season. South African Bobby Locke, at his fittest and best, leads an assault party that includes such players as Antonio Cerdá of Argentina and Belgium's Flory van Donck.

An impressive trio. But when the honours are tallied up at the end of the season, I fancy another name will head the list—Bernard Hunt.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby
Saturday, 8th May, 1954.
Over 500,000 tickets sold to date.

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382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.

5 D'Agular Street, at 5.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at NOON, on Saturday, 8th May, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
PEAT, MARWICK,
MITCHELL & CO.
Treasurers.

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Notice to Members

Australian Subscription Ponies 1955

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1955 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

The Subscription List will close on FRIDAY, 30th April, 1954.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

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CASH SWEEPS

11th Race Meeting
1st & 8th May, 1954.

Through THREE OF THE above Race Meetings may be purchased for 10/- on both days. If purchased for 10/- the cost is 20/- on both days.

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COMBINED CHINESE 3, ALL INDIA 1

CHINESE COME THROUGH WITH THREE GOALS IN THE LAST SIX MINUTES

By I. M. MacTAVISH

In a magnificent fighting finish at the Club Stadium yesterday the Combined Chinese changed what looked like certain defeat into glorious victory. The never-say-die spirit of the team was good to see and in a thrilling six minutes scoring spree they once again drove home the old axiom that no game is won or lost until the final whistle has gone.

But just how near this came to being a very different story only those who saw the game can appreciate. All India, a single goal in the lead, were in command of the situation for a long time and I believe that it was their own tactics, as much as the great fight back of the locals, that swung the pendulum of fortune against them.

As the precious minutes started ticking away the Indians seemed suddenly to realize that victory was very nearly within their grasp. They began to fall back on defence in order to safeguard their slender lead... and it was in this move that they blundered for a team like theirs, planned as it is around an attacking centre-half, does not naturally play negative football.

They tried to do it here and in consequence Chandra Singh got lost in no-man's-land. Panic suddenly showed in the Indian rear lines and the local boys, brilliantly prompted by Chu Wing-keung, were quick to spot their chance and turn it to advantage.

INCESSANT ATTACK

They set up an incessant attack on the Indian defence lines. They smashed through a half-back line that had previously looked so very compact... and goals looked almost inevitable.

But still the Indians held out. Seti turned in a grand display between the posts and Manu and Aziz seemed to be all over the place. The crowd was on the edge of the penalty area, into the net.

Seti made a gallant effort to save it but even his full length dive was of no avail. The significant thing about this goal was that, when it was scored, Chandra Singh was BEHIND the scorer. This should have served as a warning to the Indian defence, but a couple of minutes later Chu Wing-keung showed both intelligence and coolness when, again unmarked, he accurately lobbed the ball over a bunch of bobbing heads into the net.

The Chinese were now on top of the work and a minute later young Ho Cheung-yau set the perfect seal to this thrilling finish when he rose above everyone in the goalmouth to head the third and final goal.

A few seconds later Referee Turner's whistle ended the game... a game that might have very easily have gone the other way... a game that was so magnificently won... but so misguidedly lost.

STOOD BETWEEN

Wai Fat-kim had a grand game and it was to his great credit that he stood between the boys and their clean sheet at the interval... he alone stood between the Indians and a substantial interval lead.

Hau Yee-sang and Lau Yee played well together while Sato Yui, who deputized for Tung Sheung, was the best half back.

Chu Wing-wah had a very poor game and squandered many chances.

Yiu Cheuk-yin and Mok Chun-wah combined well and in the closing stages were right on top of the opposition.

Lo Kang-cheun and Tung Yee-kit, who played in the first half, were well below form and in the second half they were replaced by Chu Wing-keung and Ho Cheung-yau. Chu had a fine game and his two goals made

him the hero of the piece, while young Ho, who took some time to find the pace of the match, finished strongly.

For All-India, Seti had a lot to do and he did it well. He was quick to get down to the ball on the ground, but his tendency to punch the ball occasionally endangered his goal.

Noor was the game's most polished half-back, but in spite of his undoubted ability Chandra Singh lost the place when his side went on the defensive.

In a forward line that for a time played scintillating football Ahmed Khan was once again outstanding. He had a good partner in Jayram who on the early stages of the game had the beating of Hau Yung-sang.

Kittu, who scored the opening goal for India in the second minute after the interval, was a clever ball player, as was centre-forward Thangrai, but neither of them had the punch

nor the physique to force their way through the strong Chinese defence.

VERDICT: There is always something thrilling and satisfying in a fight back that produces a last minute victory... but neither side should lose sight of how near this result came to being a very different one... with a little more punch in the India front rank when they were on top, I might have had to write a less cheerful report. And a special word of praise to Referee Turner for a most efficient job in the middle. How refreshing it was to see the 'Advantage Rule' used to advantage.

THE TEAMS

Combined Chinese: Wai Fat-kim; Hau Yung-sang, Lau Yee, Luk Tak-hai, Ng Kee-cheung, Szeto Yui, Chu Wing-wah, Lo Kang-cheun (Yiu Cheuk-yin), Tung Yee-kit (Chu Wing-keung), Yiu Cheuk-yin (Ho Cheung-yau), Mok Chun-wah. All India: Seti; Papan (Aziz), Manu, Gokul, Chandra Singh, Noor, Mohnuddin, Kittu, Thangrai, Ahmed Khan, Jayram.

TEAMS FOR SUNDAY'S QUADRANGULAR MEET

The Annual Quadrangular Athletic Meet between the Combined Clubs, South China Athletic Association, Land Forces and the Royal Air Force, will take place at Boundary Street on Sunday, May 2, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Clubs and the Land Forces teams.

COMBINED CLUBS

100 Yards: R. Marques (HKAC), Fung Koi-lee (HKUAC), 220 Yards: R. Marques (HKAC), Fung Koi-lee (HKUAC), 440 Yards: J. P. MacMahon (HKUAC), Res: Hoot Seng-tuck (HKUAC).

880 Yards: J. P. MacMahon (HKUAC), Wong Ka-yiu (HKUAC), 1100 Yards: A. F. Colledge (HKUAC), Res: Victor Lai (HKUAC).

440 Yards Hurdles: A. F. Colledge (HKUAC), Res: R. Spencer (HKUAC).

One Mile Relay: Team to be selected from J. P. MacMahon, R. F. Colledge, R. Spencer (HKAC), Hoot Seng-tuck, Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC).

400 Yards Relay: Team to be selected from R. Marques, E. Loureiro, Fung Koi-lee, Goh Yiu-ben (HKUAC).

High Jump: Victor Lai (HKUAC), George Thum (HKUAC), Long Jump: Ng Chun-wai (HKUAC), George Thum (HKUAC), 100 Yards Hurdles: A. F. Colledge (HKUAC), Res: Victor Lai (HKUAC).

Shot Put: R. Hettmeyer (HKUAC), Discus: R. Hettmeyer (HKUAC), Javelin: R. Hettmeyer (HKUAC), Res: R. Hettmeyer (HKUAC).

The Combined Clubs will have no entry for the Pole Vault.

Joint team captain will be Chan Leong-chye (HKUAC) and J. P. MacMahon (HKUAC) who will select the relay teams on the field.

LAND FORCES

100 Yards: 2/Lt Sweeney (14 Fd RA), Res: 1/Lt Crane (1 Dorset), 220 Yards: 2/Lt Sweeney (14 Fd RA), Res: 1/Lt Crane (1 Dorset), 440 Yards: 2/Lt Sweeney (14 Fd RA), Res: 1/Lt Crane (1 Dorset).

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Shot Day (Emex at 1 R Norfolk), Pte Thompson (1 Welch), Ctn Grant (AA Wkaps), 2 Miles: Ctn Grant (AA Wkaps), Gnr Scott (113 Loc Bty), Sgmn Spooner (HK Sig Regt), Tpt Sweeney (17 R Tpt), Gnr Taylor (113 Loc Bty).

180 Yards Hurdles: Cpt Mulvaney (REME/27 HAA RA), Res: Cpt Reep (Dorset/27 Bde), 440 Yards Hurdles: Cpt Reep (Dorset/27 Bde), Res: Lt Kilpatrick (RAMC/1 Welch).

High Jump: Pte Lamb (1 Welch), Res: 2/Lt Edwards (1 Dorset), Long Jump: Gnr Rogers (72 LAA RA), Pte Jordan (1 Dorset), Res: Pte Wood (1 Dorset).

Shot: 2/Lt Herron (32 Med RA), Ldr Herron (72 LAA RA), Res: Gnr Dickinson (34 Fd RA), Res: Gnr Ducas (14 Fd RA), Res: Gnr Baylis (14 Fd RA), Res: Gnr Baylis (14 Fd RA).

200 Yards Relay: 2/Lt Hughes (1 Welch), Pte Condliffe (1 Welch), Res: Sgt Smith (1 Dorset).

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WORLD CHAMPION



Ichiro Ogimura, 21-year-old Japanese university student, with the trophy after winning the World Men's Singles table tennis title at the Empire Pool, Wembley.—Reuterphoto.

Flag Of Nations Raised At Asian Games Village

Manila, Apr. 28.

A miniature flag of nations, similar to that of the United Nations, was raised in Dilliman this morning when the different foreign delegations to the Second Asian Games raised their national flags in ceremonies formally inaugurating the Asian Games village.

Dilliman is near Quezon City just north of Manila where the University of the Philippines has been transformed into the Asian Games Village.

Meanwhile, the Asian Games Federation yesterday released the complete agenda at the general meeting of the Council on Friday morning.

The confirmation of four new members—Vietnam, Malaya, Cambodia and North Borneo—headed the order of business.

Also scheduled to be taken up are the applications by Burma and Indonesia to play host for the Fourth Asian Games in 1959.

AFTER SCALPERS

The Mayor of Manila, Mr. Arsenio Lacson, last night directed the Manila police to go after scalpers who are reported to have cornered tickets for the Asian Games.

In creating the special scalpers squad, Mr. Lacson said that he wants to see special efforts on the part of the police to arrest scalpers.

Asian Games officials, on their part, said last night that all necessary steps have been taken to prevent tickets falling into the hands of scalpers and termed reports of scalping activities as most unfortunate.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Tribute

Sir—I have watched all three matches the All-India Soccer contingent for the Asian Games played here. I think they are one of the finest bunch of sportsmen ever to visit this Colony. They played hard and fast, their clean, clever tactics a delight to watch.

They certainly spread goodwill here and made good relations even better between the people of India and Hongkong.

Thank you, HKFA for letting them.

"Shubash" (Well done) to each member of the Team.

S. L. L.

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BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

CRAIGENGOWER AND CYMCA
PAIRS QUALIFY FOR
LADIES' DOUBLES FINAL

The Craigengower pair of Helen Kwong and Mary Wong and the Chinese YMCA combination of Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung both qualified for the final of the Ladies' Doubles event as the Colony Badminton Senior Championships continued at Recreo and Craigengower yesterday.

Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung, current holders of the title, accounted for newcomers Cider Ho and Ho Shok-kam by 15-7 and 15-9 and were never seriously challenged at any point of the match.

The other Ladies' Doubles semi-final between Helen Kwong and Mary Wong and Bernadine Remedios, which was expected to be a closely-contested affair, saw a runaway victory for Helen Kwong and Mary Wong in the first set.

Forceful backcourt play by Helen Kwong and deadly forecourt smashes and drops by

Mary Wong enabled them to take a substantial 6-0 lead over their erratic opponents who were further handicapped by their inability to click as a combination. Time and again smashes along the middle line turned out to be straight winners.

The Craigengower pair increased their lead to 10-0 and 11-1 before winning the first set by 15-4.

The winners again ran up a lead 4-0 in the second set. Stella Corren took the spotlight at this stage with a series of follow-up smashes and tap shots from the forecourt to bring her side to 4-4, 7-7 and 8-8. Two over-hits in succession by Corren and Remedios spelled their doom as their opponents pulled steadily ahead from 10-10 to set and match.

Owing to the inability of the Manila players to land yesterday, only four other games were decided. These included

one walkover for Robert Tay and Patrick Wong from Junior Pomeroy and J. A. Motta who was indisposed.

The Championship matches continue this evening at St. Teresa's and Craigengower.

THE RESULTS
At Craigengower
Ladies' Doubles—Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung beat Cider Ho and Ho Shok-kam 15-7, 15-9.
Men's Doubles—Ulian Khoo and Winnie Cheung beat J. A. Motta and Robert Tay 15-7, 15-9.
Mixed Doubles—Lam Ming-tak and Dorothy Lam beat Jimmy Ku and Betty Yung 15-8, 15-8.
Men's Singles—Patrick Wong and Robert Tay received wins from J. B. Pomeroy and J. A. Motta.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Ladies' Singles—Helen Kwong v Bernadine Remedios at 7.30 p.m.
Men's Singles—Ku Fong-jam v Y. S. Lim at 8 p.m.
Mixed Doubles—Lam Ming-tak and Dorothy Lam v Jimmy Ku and Betty Yung at 8 p.m.
At Craigengower C.C.
Ladies' Singles—Mary Wong v Ulian Khoo at 7.30 p.m.
Mixed Doubles—Lam Ming-tak and Dorothy Lam v Jimmy Ku and Betty Yung at 8 p.m.
Men's Singles—J. B. Pomeroy v J. A. Motta at 8 p.m.

FILIPINO CLUB
BOWLS TEAM

Filipino Club v Craigengower Cricket Club Friendly Lawn Bowls Match, tomorrow 5.30 p.m. at CCC (weather permitting).

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Who is YOUR
H.K. FOOTBALLER
OF THE YEAR?

NEVER before has there been so much public interest in Hongkong soccer than during the season now ending. And never before has the Colony boasted so many talented players—players who have given tens of thousands of soccer "fans" clever and thrilling exhibitions of their prowess in this greatest of all local field sports.

The China Mail has, therefore, decided to organise among the followers and supporters of local soccer a Gallup Poll to determine, by popular vote,

Hongkong's Footballer of the Year.

China Mail readers are cordially invited to fill in the form below, nominating whom they regard as the Colony's outstanding footballer of the current season.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong. Entries will close on MONDAY, MAY 10.

The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

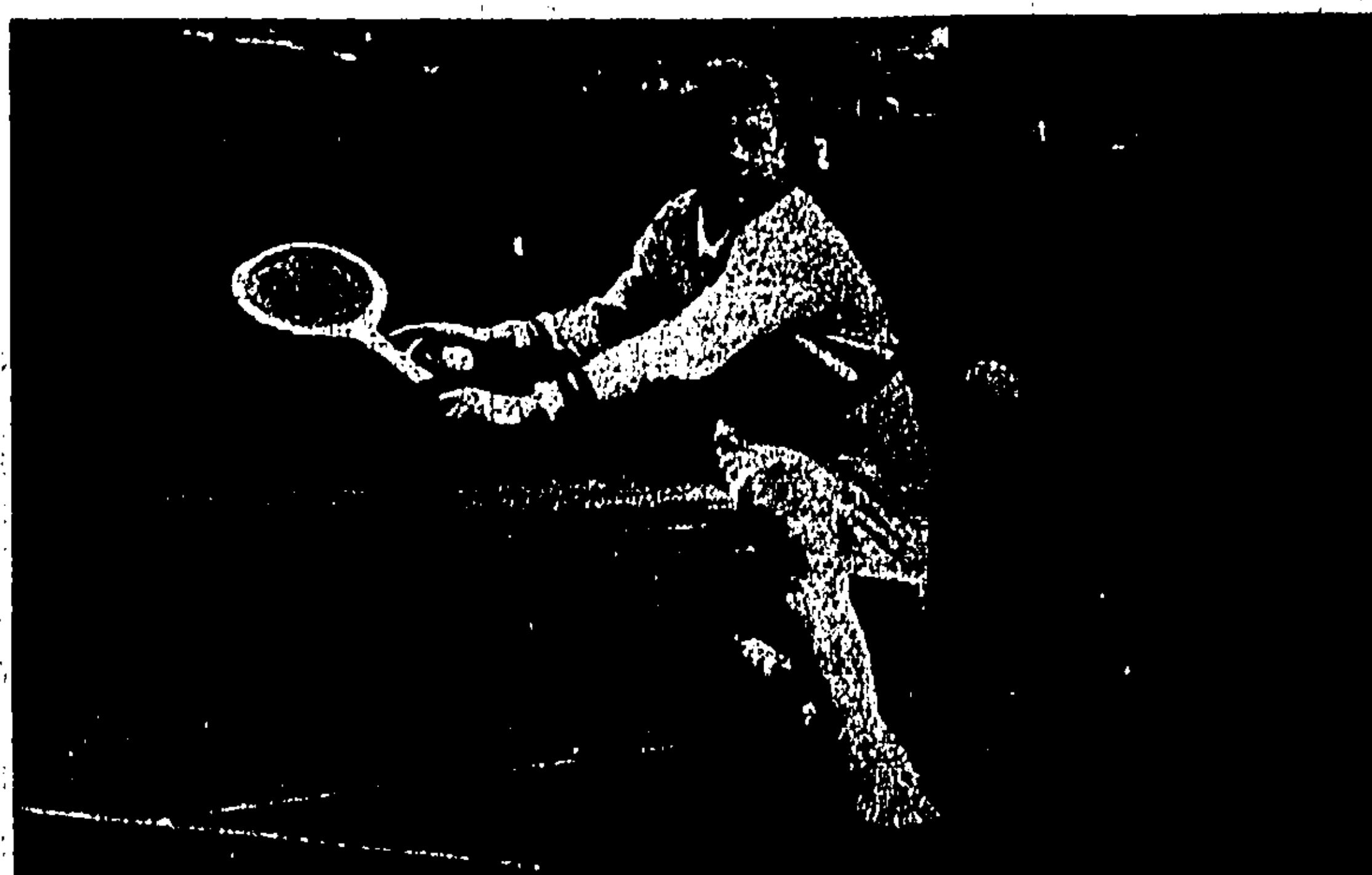
To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

Signed

BILLY KNIGHT AT HOME



Billy Knight, the young English hope, who has recently returned home from Australia, photographed when, defeating J. M. Paulson 6-2, 6-1 in the Cumberland Hard Court Tournament at Hampstead. Knight holds the Australian Junior Championship—Central Press Photo.



This week we have pleasure in welcoming an unexpected guest to the spot of honour at the top of the Tommy Atkins Sports Parade. He is sailorboy Stanton who, with only limited time for practice, took part in the recent New Territories Army Cycling Association 10 Miles Time Trial and turned in such a fine performance that he broke the Colony record for the distance.

Stanton is from HMS Morecambe Bay and his success is another example of the worth of the facilities provided by the NTACA.

Scottish football fans who listened to the broadcast of the Scottish Cup Final on the BBC on Saturday night could not but be impressed with the commentator's praise of Glen, the Aberdeen left-half.

As Army football enthusiasts know, Glen owes much of his present prominence to the publicity he received as a member of the brilliant Young Army team in the United Kingdom when he was doing his National Service.

He entered the Army as a promising junior who had just been taken on to the Aberdeen playing staff. He soon made two seasons in it, and during the unusual distinction of watching his rank on the team sheet change from Private to Lance-corporal then to Officer Cadet and finally to 2/Lieutenant.

He was often selected to captain the Army side, and he has now assumed his future outside of football by qualifying as a B.Sc. at Aberdeen University.

APOLOGIES

I hasten to tender my apologies to Mr. Duddman of the RAMC at 33 General Hospital. Last week I stated in my notes that the FARELF Individual Bantamweight Championship was won by Pte. Kearns of the King's Regt. It was in fact won by Pte. Duddman who won his final bout on a TKO. The error was due to an inaccuracy in a report from Singapore.

Latest news of the Cricket Championship is that the game will be played at Soukumpoo on May 1. RASC are now through to the Final but the opposition is not yet decided.

HQ 35 Brigade have to play HQ 27 Brigade and the winner of that game will meet 98 Med. Bty. RA for the right to represent the Minor Unit League against the strong RASC side. Play in the Final will take place between noon and 7 p.m.

There was a large number of soldiers at the model aeroplane contest at Shatin on Sunday morning and there is little doubt that this pastime is a popular one with the more air-minded young members of the Army.

RED DUSTER TROPHY

The Army will be well represented at the boxing competition at the China Flect Club when the boxers from the RAF challenge the holders, HMS Birmingham, for the custody of the Red Duster Trophy. All the officials—two referees and six judges—will be provided by the Army.

Incidentally this should be an excellent programme as both holders and challengers will be strongly represented. Boxing is due to start at 8.30 p.m. and intending spectators are advised to arrive early to be assured of a seat. It is understood that this is the last Royal Navy boxing programme for this season.

I have been looking through the statistics of the six-a-side Hockey tournament which was played at Soukumpoo on Easter Monday and I wish to offer a belated word of praise to the empires who during the day controlled 43 games and were in action from 2 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. with just enough time in between to snatch a cup of tea.

When thinking back on the tournament the 7th Royal Tanks must feel that as far as finalities are concerned they have definitely invoked the wrath of some Jinx or other... for — by Ripley—believe it or not... this was the 12th time that they have appeared in the final of a hockey competition and they are still awaiting their first win!

Granger and Frazer, the Army soccer players, made headlines in a new sphere during the Hongkong Interport series in Singapore. In company, in Brig. Young they took part in a 15 minute sports broadcast over Radio Malaya with commentator Geoff Raymond.

CALDBROOK CUP FINAL

On Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. the footballers of 32 Medium Test RA will go into action on the beautiful turf of the Police Ground at Boundary Street in an effort to win the Caldbrook Cup.

HOLLYWOOD HEADLINES

"Nose-Rubbing Ain't
Exactly Box-Office
Romance, But..."

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Hollywood.

To kiss or rub noses—this is the question facing the makers of "The Egyptian," currently being filmed on the banks of the Nile. By Hollywood standards a kiss (and more than one) would seem essential to any film dealing with love, even love some 10 or 15 centuries before Christ.

Delving into the art of love-making in those ancient days, film chief Darryl F. Zanuck discovered, however, that kissing was something of a new fashion and that at the actual period the film is meant to depict, it was doubtful if anyone kissed at all. They just rubbed noses.

"Nose-rubbing" commented one of the producers, "ain't exactly box-office romance, but I guess we can hot it up a bit if need be."

Knowing Hollywood, I guess they can.

REMARKABLE

One of the most remarkable documentary films I have ever seen—remarkable for its showing of people normally forbidden to Western eyes—has just begun its first run in New York.

The film is "Out Of This World," photographed in colour by two Americans and telling the story of life in Tibet. The Americans (a Mr. Lowell Thomas and his son) made a two-month stay there—and also helped write a small chapter of history in that the country's ruler, Dalai Lama, only allowed them entry permits because he saw in their visit the chance of getting a personal message back to the President of the United States.

"It was a message," says Mr. Thomas, "appealing for American help to meet the threat of Communism surging on Tibet's borders." Unfortunately, by the time the two film-men had made their journey home and delivered their message, it was too late. The Communists had struck and the Red armies had moved in.

Nevertheless, something did come out of their journey to the forbidden territory. That "something" is a fine and moving film showing glimpses of a hidden world so remote and so much living in the past that even wheels are a new invention. Or they were until mechanised Chinese battalions

moved in, cutting off Tibet from the rest of the world more completely than ever.

NO TO JANE RUSSELL
Because she thought that Charles Laughton read Bible passages "so beautifully," Jane Russell asked him if he would preach at her drawing-room services. Mr. Laughton declined with thanks.

Mary Pickford only occasionally goes to night clubs. She will go even less occasionally now as she has just lost a 23-carat emerald-cut diamond clip on one of her rare nightgowns.

Marilyn Monroe is spending a large chunk of the daylight hours house-hunting. "I just can't find the place we want," she says. Which shows that she is average sometimes anyway.

Mentioning houses, I hear that the James Mascons have just sold three of theirs for a nice profit. Nice to have three to sell.

Clark Gable was offered \$25,000 for his life story. The offer came from a magazine but Clark turned it down. He doesn't need the cash and "my life isn't finished yet!"

If you've been following Richard Widmark recently you'll appreciate he's quite a success these days. So much so that, since "Hell and High Water" he has put his picture price up. For his next film ("Prize of Gold"), to be made in England, he will get \$50,000. Plus expenses. Of course.

Bob Hope (with Dolores and the children) spent Easter at Palm Springs. Bob's latest TV show (with Rosemary Clooney and Jack Benny) is one of the best yet.

SOME FIRM NEWS

After much discussion there is now some firm news about the 1951 comedy-drama by Tennessee Williams, "The Rose Tattoo." Whether or not to make this into a movie has been discussed from studio to studio but it now seems certain that the play is heading for the cameras.

Daniel Mann, who directed the play, will also direct the film. What is more Anna Magnani (for whom, rumour has it, the play was written) is expected to arrive here from Italy soon to begin rehearsals.

Co-starring with her will be Burt Lancaster while another name in the film is Pier Anelli who, by the way, is rapidly becoming thoroughly versed in Hollywood's ways. A far cry from the shy girl who arrived here so long ago from Italy.

THE QUEEN'S
FIRST WINNER
OF THE SEASON

Newmarket, Apr. 27.
Queen Elizabeth had her first winner of the flat racing season when her two-year-old colt, Corporal, a 100 to 6 chance, made a winning debut in the May Maiden stakes over five furlongs here today.

Corporal, ridden by Harry Carr, raced home ahead of 23 other rivals to win by a length. Earlier, another of the Queen's two-year-olds, Perambulator, ran third with Sir Gordon Richards riding.

Sir Gordon rides Landau who will carry the Royal Colours in tomorrow's 2,000 Guineas classic here.—Reuter.

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Increase In British Shipbuilding In First Quarter Of 1954

London, Apr. 28.

World tonnage of merchant ships under construction at the end of March dropped by 127,874 tons compared with December 31, Lloyds Register of Shipbuilding returns reported today.

The total is 6,167,002 tons (1,137 steamships and motorships) compared with 6,294,876 (1,136 ships).

Britain is building 35.28 per cent—323 ships of 2,175,760 tons compared with 313 ships and 2,173,709 tons in the previous quarter.

Germany was the next biggest builder with 10.45 per cent—141 ships totalling 644,391 tons. This compares with 140 ships of 633,904 tons in the previous quarter.

The United States was third with 7.90 per cent—41 ships of 480,933 tons compared with 49 ships of 533,782 tons.

A total of 299 oil tankers were under construction in all parts of the world during the period under review. These consisted of 135 steamships of 2,020,616 tons and 164 motorships of 1,422,025 tons—an overall decrease of 109,260 tons compared with the December figure.

BRITAIN LEADS

Britain was leading in tanker construction with 92 vessels totalling 1,110,988 tons. The United States followed with 22 vessels of 380,778 tons and Germany came third with 32 tankers totalling 348,086 tons.

Sweden was building 25 tankers of 299,519 tons, The Netherlands 27 tankers of 288,597 tons, Japan 20 tankers of 133,060 tons and Norway 13 tankers of 115,260 tons.

Norway was the greatest importer of ships of all types under construction with 62 vessels of 567,474 tons on order.

Liberia followed with 32 ships of 504,701 tons being built for her.—Reuter.

China's Rice A Problem For Ceylon

Colombo, Apr. 27.

Ceylon's offer to sell surplus Chinese rice to other consumer countries has found no response, it was learned here today.

A source said that of the 60,000 tons of rice available from last year's imports of rice from China about 15,000 tons were still on offer.

A spokesman of the Food Ministry, commenting on the surplus rice, said that many of last year's buyers were not interested to renew their purchases.

Japan, he said, which bought 30,000 tons of Chinese rice from Ceylon last year, did not show any interest this year.

The official said that the world market price of rice was steadily declining and it was possible that Japan could purchase rice cheaper from other producing countries.

Under the pact with China, Ceylon would have to take 200,000 tons of rice this year.—United Press.

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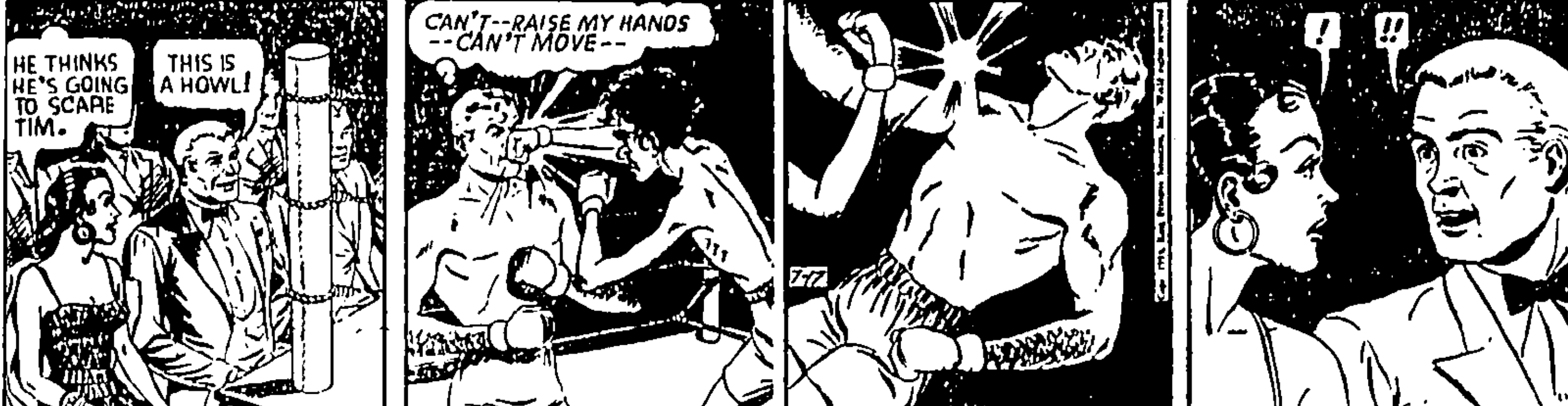
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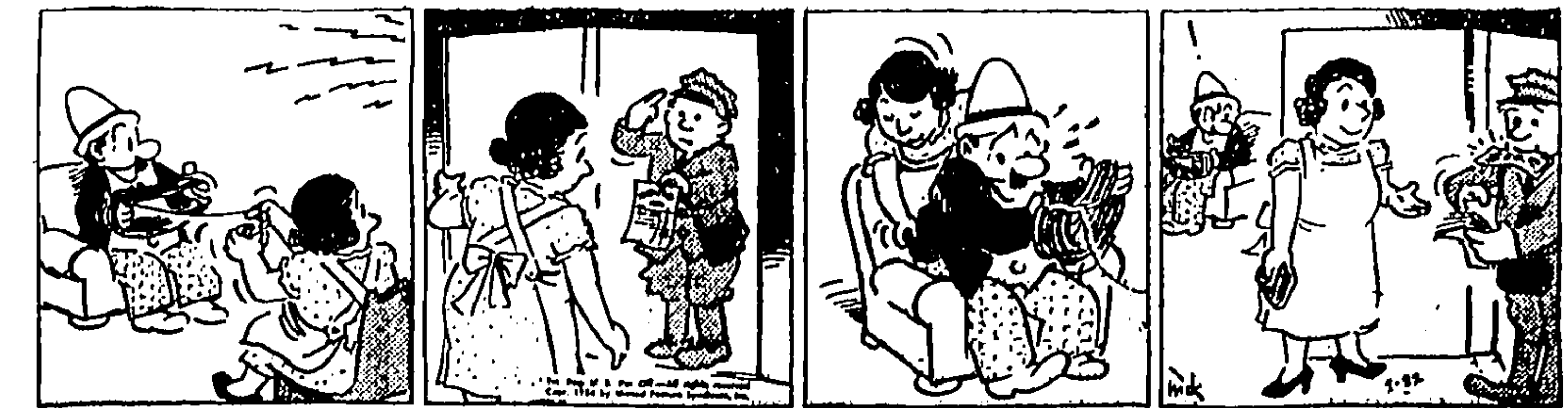
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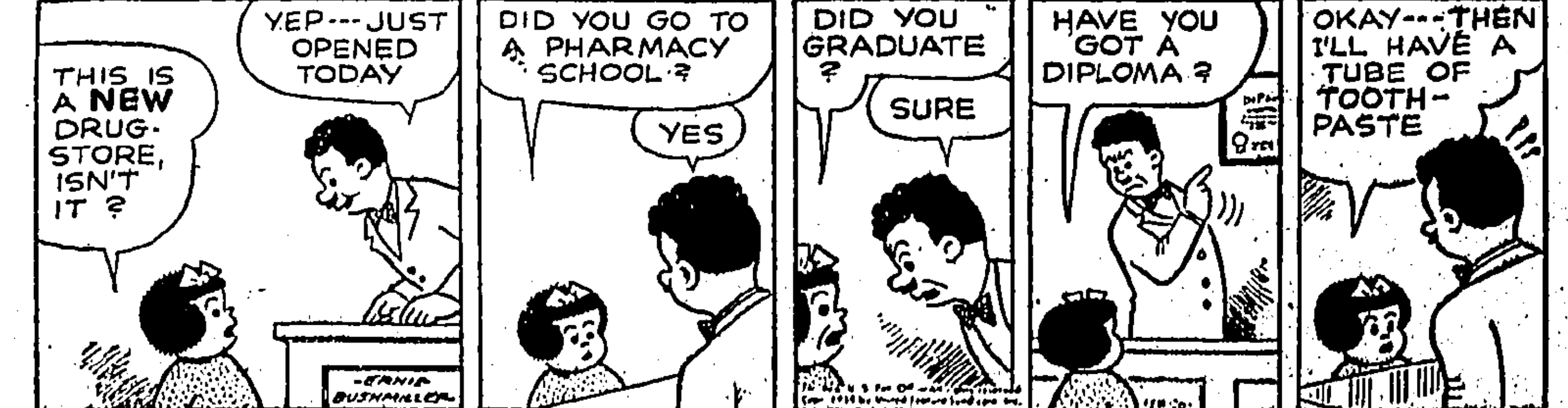
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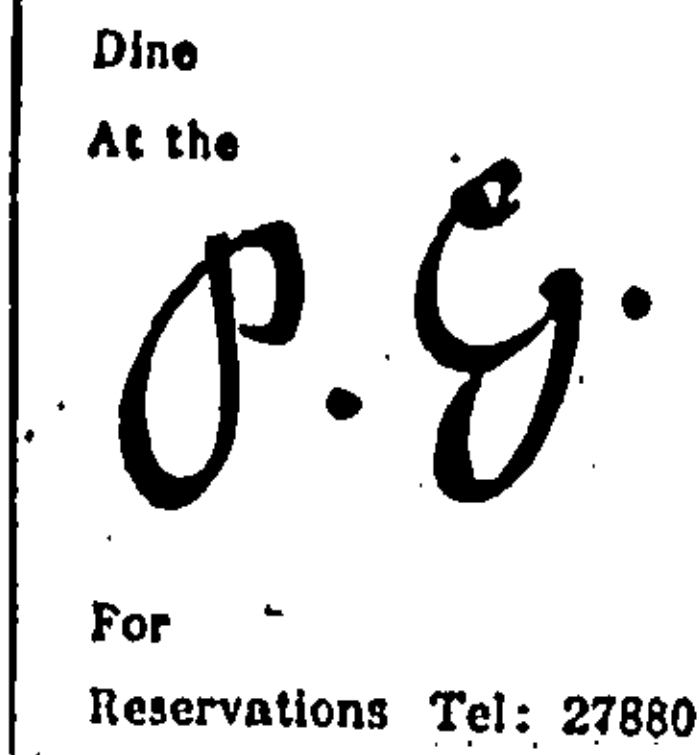
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P2,080,000 Robbery

Buenos Aires, Apr. 27.
 A Belgian textile engineer, Henri Dikler, was robbed of jewels valued at 2,000,000 pesos and 80,000 pesos in cash here on Monday afternoon.

The robbery took place when three well-dressed men, one of them with a drawn revolver, rang the doorbell at Dikler's sixth floor apartment and forced their entry. Dikler refused to answer where the wall safe was, so two of the men searched the house and found Mrs. Dikler, also a Belgian, who was taking a nap in one of the bedrooms.

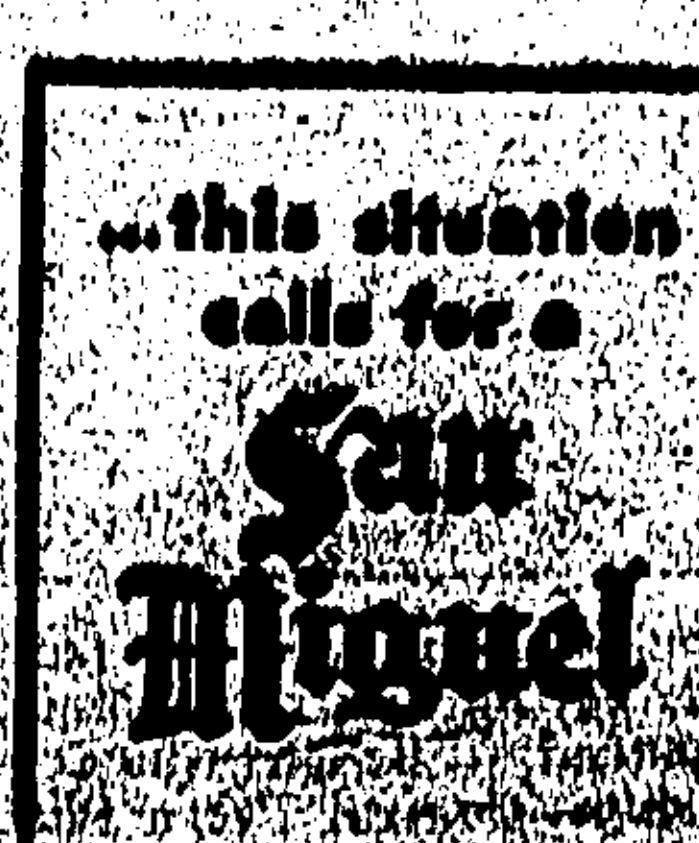
They tied her to a chair in the bedroom and when Dikler heard blows and screams, he told the man with the revolver that the safe was in the bathroom behind the medicine chest.

Dikler gave the robber the keys. The gunman wrapped the contents of the safe, all jewels and money, in a towel and the three left.

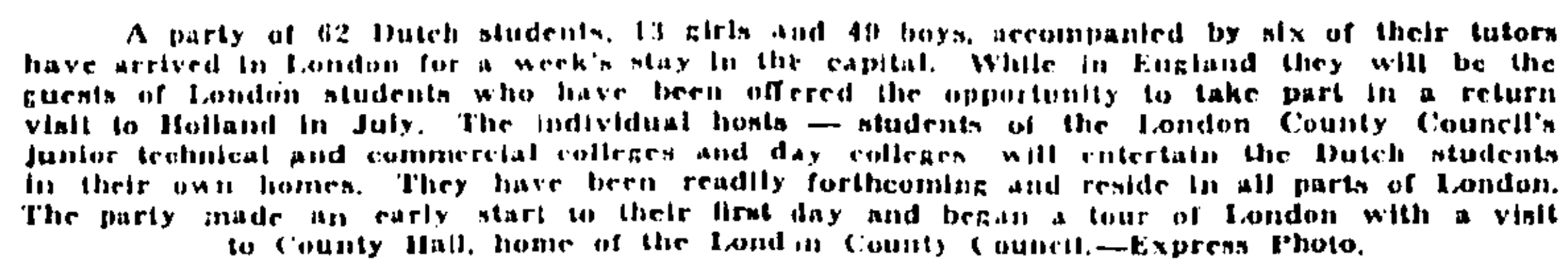
Dikler then discovered that his wife had not been harmed. She said one of the men hit a chair and the other screamed.—United Press.

Her Husband Didn't Tell Her

Tokyo, Apr. 27.
 A Japanese widow was told her husband had been killed in the inheritance of her husband's property only to find that she was not actually his wife. Her late husband, after the usual registration system of the ward office, had advertised her five years before by describing her as a widow. She had been living with her husband for three years and had a child.—United Press.



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION



Iceland Fumes Over Its Missing Mediaeval Manuscripts

The subjects of the controversy, the so-called Icelandic manuscripts, are now either in the library of Copenhagen University or in the Royal Danish Library.

He was confident that a legislature so constituted would still benefit in abundant measure from the experience and counsel of its nominated member.

—China Mail Special.

During the last war, while Denmark was under Nazi occupation, Iceland broke away and declared her independence of the mother country.

...to be studied by large numbers of students, but they would be less accessible transferred to Iceland—Chicago Mail Special.

India (rupee)	2114
Pakistan (rupee)	2047
Hongkong (dollar)	1798
Indonesia (rupiah)	6000
Singapore (strait dollar)	2295
Japan	300 yen to U

—United Press

rubber on a large scale is also the subject of much speculation in Far Eastern markets and undoubtedly the same. In the raw material prices in recent weeks fixed at 78% pence per ton, 75% pence for spot, and 75% pence for forward. Against 78% and 78% respectively. — United Press.

Nov.	5.78b
Mar.	5.83b
Spot-(cents per lb. off NY	
ex-duty)	5.70
Open interest: 7,342 contracts	
United Press.	

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	18
B sterling notes (per £1)	22
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	27
Siamese baht (per 100)	31
Singapore (Straits)	31
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	31

New York, Apr. 27.		Closing Rate
Canada (dollar)	\$1.21-27 3/8
England (dollar)	2.74-75 1/2
" " " "	" "	30-day futures.....
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Australia (pound)	2.81-1 1/16
Belgium (franc)	91 1/2-15
Denmark (krone)	16.50-51
South Africa (pound)	2.81 1/4
France (franc)	0.025 1/2
Germany (Reichsmark)	1.18 1/2
Holland (guilder)	3.50 1/2
Italy (lira)	3.60 1/2
Norway (krone)	1.40 1/2
Portugal (Escudo)	205 1/2
Spain (peseta)	165 1/2
Sweden (krone)	1.33 1/2
Switzerland (free franc)	2.35 1/2
Taipei (rupee)	1.11 1/2
Thailand (baht)	1.11 1/2
Yokohama (rupee)	1.18 1/2
Indonesia (dollar)	1.00 1/2
Sumatra (dollar)	1.00 1/2
Japan	100 yen to US

London, Apr. 27.	
New York	2.81-15/16-2.81 1/2
Montreal	2.78-2.78 1/16
Amsterdam	10.08 1/2-10.08 1/2
Blocked Mark	17-15/16-11-15/16
Hamburg	11.75 1/2-11.76 1/4
Brussels	140.77 1/2-140.80
Copenhagen	15.24 1/2-15.24 1/2
Stockholm	14.57-14.57 1/2
Zurich	15.24 1/2-15.24 1/2

London, Apr. 8.
The price of silver today
fixed at 78½ pence per
ounce for spot, and 78½ pence
per forward. Against 78½
and 78½ respectively. — Un-
cess.

Unit	Rate
U.S. dollar (per \$1)	0.7
Sterling note (per £1)	15.7
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	22.0
Siamese baht (per 100)	27.5
Singapore (Straits)	1.1
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	0.2

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His Lordship thereupon allowed the appeal and set aside the conviction of the lower Court. Appellant was represented by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. S. N. Quinn, of Houston and Co. He was similarly represented in the lower Court.